Puerto Rico's bats back after Hugo

Puerto Rico's rain-forest bats, which make up three-fourths of the island's mammals, have returned to population levels that existed before Hurricane Hugo flattened the forests in 1989, according to Michael Gannon, assistant biology professor at Penn State's Altoona campus.

Gannon and co-researcher Michael Willig of Texas Tech said the bats are particularly important to Puerto Rico's rain forest because they help spread native plants —all the more important after the hurricane.

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