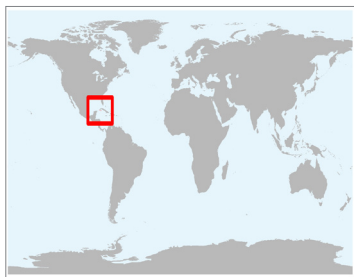




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## Amazing Species: Cuban Greater Funnel-eared Bat

The **Cuban Greater Funnel-eared Bat**, *Natalus primus*, is listed as Critically Endangered on The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This large bat species is known only from a single remote cave, Cueva La Barca, located on the Guanahacabibes Peninsula at the western tip of Cuba. Described from fossils, this cave dwelling species was rediscovered in 1992, where a population of some 100 individuals occurs.

The Cuban Greater Funnel-eared Bat is known to have occurred across much of Cuba from fossil evidence, which suggests a population decline that may have continued until present. Habitat loss through erosion is a current threat to this species, as the ongoing collapse of the cave roof at Cueva La Barca is likely to upset the thermal balance in this cave and result in extinction of the only known population. Human intrusion into the cave may also become a significant threat if this remote location becomes more accessible to tourism in the future.

There are not currently known to be any conservation measures in place for the Cuban Greater Funnel-eared Bat although it has been suggested that the protection of Cueva La Barca and its surrounding environment should be an urgent conservation priority.

**Knowledge**<sup>EQ</sup>  
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