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Good Day,

This is the final installment, of my photographic report of St.Croix's available plants.

Day two of my trip was spent driving around the island, with Ms. Welch, and Mr. Lopez of Garden Leaf Nursery, who has an interesting business of making arrangements with private land owners to allow them to plant palms on unused sections of their property in exchange for the up keep and maintenance of the land owners and.

So we literally went ALL OVER the island checking out 5 acres here, 1 acre here 1/2 acre there, some of them were in residential neighborhoods, some in the country side.

They then took me to Mr Lopez's house where he germinates most of the palm seeds and starts them in pots when they are moved to the field.

They have a kind of sloppy, seemingly unorganized system, but it's a system that seems to be working. They didn't have anything over 7 years old so the heights were relatively low, and the variety was poor as well. Mostly Royal Palms, with some Christmas palms and Prichardia's scattered among them.
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After finishing with Ms.Welch and Mr.Lopez I was on the western part of the island, so
With the remaining two hours I had left before I had to return my vehicle and catch my flight,
I decided to get some pictures of Frederiksted, where I was told had some very beautiful Royal palms,
planted along the waterfront, so I wanted to see how they looked, being so close to the salt and wind exposure.

They Were Stunning!

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