

Guantanamo Bay, Not Just a Military Base

Guantanamo Bay is a Naval Base. There is a lot of scientific research that takes place there. It began when the base was started in 1903. The reason for the research is the biodiversity. Some species of cactus are found on the base. They may be extinct elsewhere. There are advantages of studying organisms on the military base. The land has been protected. It is an area for many organisms. One species studied is the red land crab. This particular crab is host to a fly. The fly was discovered in 1966. It was never seen again. It was found in the red land crab. Guantanamo Bay is a place to study the plants and animals of Cuba.

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