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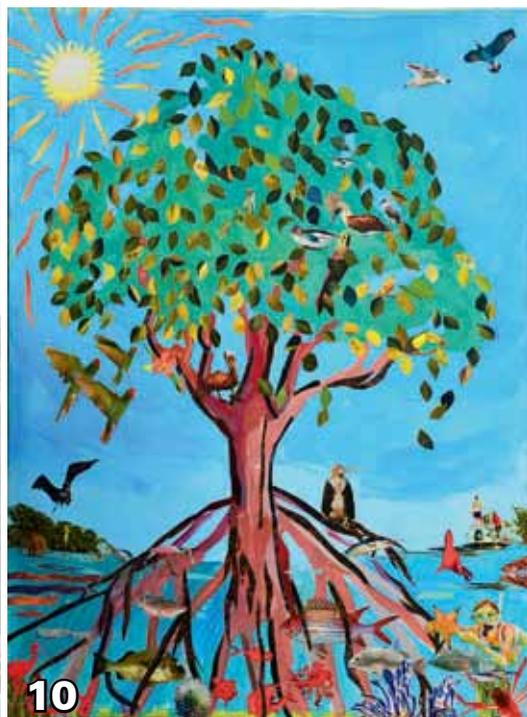
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Art Talk

by Michael Cope
Galería de Todos Santos



Do any of you remember the Twilight Zone episode that was about earth's temperature slowly rising? People were dropping like flies from heat stroke as they stumbled down scorched streets. They showed close-ups of fan blades stopping as electricity started failing across cities throughout the world. In the very last scene we see a large oil painting as it starts to melt, dripping like a popsicle on a hot summer day.

That is exactly how I felt working in our cavernous gallery during this summer. Picking up a brush made me sweat; I won't even bother mentioning motivation and inspiration. Oh, did I forget about the gnats, bo-bos, mosquitos and pigeons roosting? Okay, no more complaining.

When it comes to summer in Southern Baja there really isn't a more visually exciting time. Every day there are multiple photos posted on Facebook and WhatsApp of sunrises, sunsets, animals and landscapes. That is why artists love to work here. The light is beautiful year round.

This is my twenty-second summer in Todos Santos and our gallery has been open for twenty-one. Occasionally people ask me about how things have changed in the community. Maybe my glass is always half full because things are changing all of the time and mostly for the good. The town will be a beautiful "*Pueblo Mágico*" when it's finished, that is if we live long enough to see it...just kidding. It seem like a long time since Todos Santos has been a *Pueblo Mágico*, because between hurricanes, renovations, and road construction, we've had a tough couple of seasons.

How have the galleries and artists of Todos Santos changed? More importantly the question should be how have our customers changed over the years? It is the people that are buying paintings, drawings, etc., that have changed the way galleries and artists represent themselves and it is all for the better.

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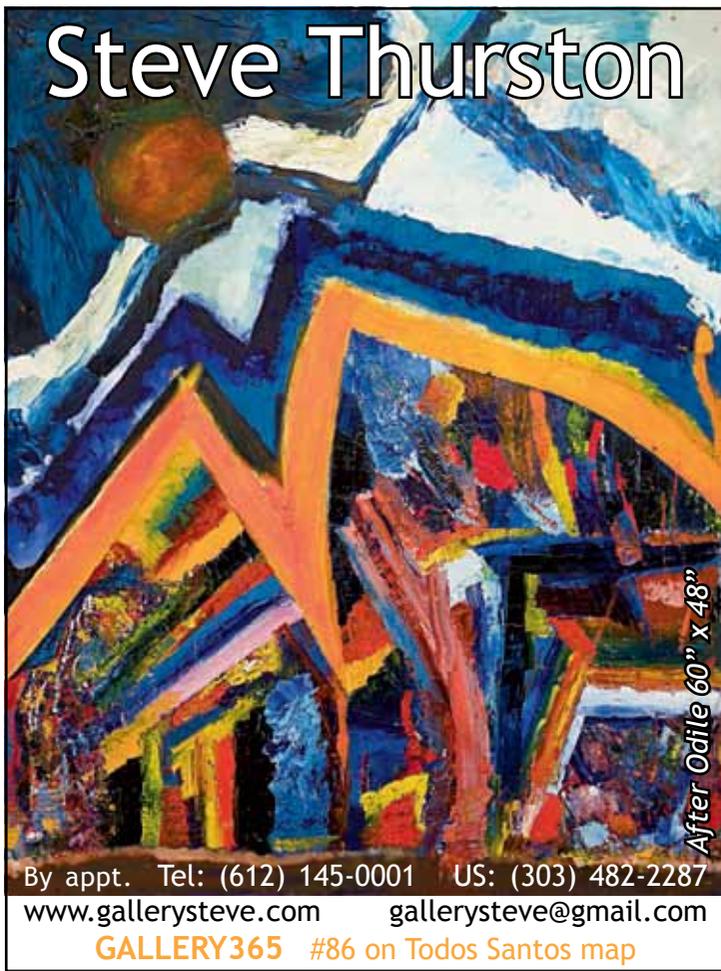
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Art Talk

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In 1993, Charles Stewart was about the only known painter here who had a studio open to the public. When my wife Pat and I opened The Galería de Todos Santos we were the first gallery to represent a group of Baja painters. While it was successful from the beginning it hasn't always been easy. Laws and taxes change daily so you have to be on top of it. Years ago a foreign artist could just go to Mexico and set up shop. Sorry, that is no longer the case.

In 1994 very few locals bought art from our gallery; clients were mostly tourists or people building homes in San José del Cabo. Now that has changed; we have totally different types of people moving and living here year round. This is great for galleries because these people come from all over the world, which means different tastes and levels of sophistication. They force us to not be complacent and happy with the same old stuff. My attitude is the more fine art galleries there are the merrier we should be.

Like several other artists, Erick Ochoa and I have studios in our gallery, which is a real plus. We love it when people drop by. Clients can see what we are working on so it always creates a conversation about art. We have had a lot of fun with customers over the years and made a lot of new friends.

When it comes to summer in Southern Baja there really isn't a more visually exciting time... That is why artists love to work here. The light is beautiful year round.

I can't speak for other painters and gallery owners but here are my thoughts. We still have anchor galleries that have been here a long time. Since they opened a lot of things have changed. Satellite galleries and studios have sprung up throughout town. For visitors this is a wonderful way to spend the day. They can enjoy going from gallery to gallery then have a leisurely lunch. Cafes, galleries, wine bars, cool shops and restaurants...heaven. These are the elements that help create the ambience and reputation of an artists' colony for Todos Santos.

I think a lot of people in our business get all tangled up in their underwear. Don't overthink art; it's pretty simple unless you are teaching Art History at USC or The Chicago Art Institute. The majority of my clients are buying art for their homes or as a gift, not for a museum collection. They like the painting or they don't like it; their decisions are pretty black and white with very little gray. I want people to enjoy and have fun with art and the decisions they make.

Can you imagine walking into a gallery every morning being surrounded by art? Pouring yourself a cup of coffee then turning on your favorite CD? I do that everyday and I want my customers to get that same feeling when they walk through the door. It has been a great twenty-one years watching Todos Santos evolve.

But for right now I'm just hoping that someone with air conditioning calls and invites me over for a drink!

Earth Needs Writers!

2016 Todos Santos Writers Workshop Aims at Eco Crisis
by Rex Weiner

Challenged to “discover your creative groove,” writers first gathered in January 2014 for a workshop held at Casa Dracula, the 165-year old landmark hacienda on Todos Santos’ *otro lado*. About a dozen signed up for the week of daily classes, culminating on a sunny afternoon when Todos Santos Music Festival founder Peter Buck sat in the flowered courtyard and charmed our writers with insights into a Rock n’ Roll Hall of Famer’s literary inspirations. A perfect launch for the Todos Santos Writers Workshop.

This year we get serious.

“Earth Needs Writers!” is the theme of the 2016 TSWW, running January 24 through 30, bringing a powerful lineup of literary talents to focus on the environmental issues facing the world, and Todos Santos in particular. Based again at Casa Dracula, TSWW features morning sessions on fiction, non-fiction and memoir. Enrollment is open to writers at all levels, with registrations coming in from around North America and a few spaces held for TSWW alumni and BCS residents at special rates.

The public is invited to a series of five afternoon seminars January 25 through 29, from 3 to 5 pm at the Centro Cultural “Prof. Nestor.” A donation is requested.

Highlighting the seminar series is Christopher Merrill,



Christopher Merrill, photo: Kathleen Maris

director of the University of Iowa’s International Writing Program. Merrill has published six collections of poetry, many edited volumes and books of translations, and five works of nonfiction. His latest prose book, *The Tree of the Doves: Ceremony, Expedition, War*, chronicles travels in Malaysia, China and Mongolia, and the Middle
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Todos Santos Writers

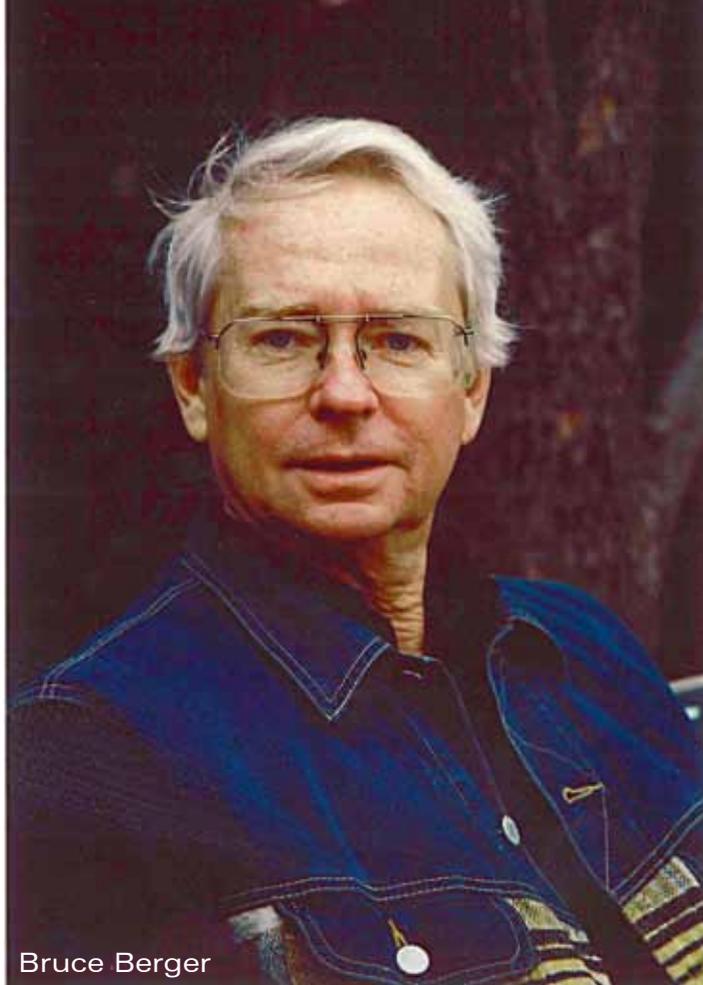
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East. Honors he has received include a Chevalier from the French government in the Order of Arts and Letters.

Merrill has conducted cultural diplomacy missions to more than forty countries and serves on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. In April 2012, President Obama appointed him to the National Council on the Humanities. He will be the first speaker featured in a seminar on Tuesday, January 26.

Bruce Berger, the La Paz-based writer whose books explore the intersections of nature and culture, will also be a featured speaker. His essay collection, *The Telling Distance*, won the 1990 Western States Book Award and the 1991 Colorado Book Award. It was followed by *There Was A River*, whose title piece is a narrative of what may have been the last trip on the Colorado River through Glen Canyon before its inundation by Lake Powell. His *Almost an Island* is an essential book about Baja California, recounting three decades of exploration and friendship in the desert peninsula. Berger will speak on "Collecting the World" on Wednesday, January 27.

A bilingual panel discussion on Friday, January 29, will focus on the impact of literature on the environment.



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Joining Merrill and Berger in the conversation will be Bryan Jáuregui who, with her husband Sergio Jáuregui, runs Todos Santos Eco Adventures along with boutique hotel, Los Colibris Casitas. A frequent contributor to this publication as well as to the TOSEA blog, Jáuregui agrees that writers have a crucial role to play in confronting environmental crises.

"Our scientists and environmentalists document what is happening and publish their findings," she says. "It is then the job of the writers to tell the story, to convey in a compelling way why society should care about these findings and what the issues mean for individuals, their families and their friends."

The Friday panel discussion will be moderated, in English and Spanish, by Viviane Mahieux, a BCS native and University of California professor of Latin American literature.

The twin spirits of creativity and collaboration come alive almost instantaneously...the art of the workshop, a community helping one another's narratives to grow and take flight.

"I've been so inspired by the Todos Santos Writers Workshop," says Jenny Armit, owner of the Hotelito and a TSWW alumnus. "It's been a life-changing experience." Armit, now enrolled in Antioch University's low-residency MFA Creative Writing program, is a TSWW sponsor, providing discounts to fly-in workshopers and special accommodations for featured speakers.

"The twin spirits of creativity and collaboration come alive almost instantaneously," says TSWW co-founder Jeanne McCulloch who leads the fiction workshop. "This wonderful array of men and women gather from all over the world with stories to tell." A founding editor of Tin House Books and former managing editor of *The Paris Review*, McCulloch is a veteran of literary conferences and workshops and has helped foster in TSWW what she calls the "art of the workshop, a community helping one another's narratives to grow and take flight."

TSWW co-founder Gordon Chaplin, author of two novels and three memoirs, including the acclaimed memoir *Full Fathom Five*, has led the memoir workshop. He feels the atmosphere surrounding the event is as unique as the ancient house that serves as our headquarters.

"I've co-owned Casa Dracula for almost thirty years now and am well aware of its magic," says Chaplin. "It could only exist in Todos Santos, a *pueblo mágico* in its own right. For the past two years I've seen this magic change the lives of people who have become writers. I'm proud to have played a small part in this change and look forward to our third year."

Rex Weiner, TSWW co-founder and co-owner of Casa Dracula since 1985, is a journalist and leads the non-fiction workshop. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.todossantoswritersworkshop.com/>



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Extinction. It happens. In fact, scientists estimate that 99% of all species that have ever strutted, slithered, swum, fruited, flitted or flowered on earth no longer exist. Cataclysmic events like asteroid hits, smashing continents and massive volcanic eruptions have already caused five mass-extinction events over the last 4.5 billion years, each wiping out 50% to 90% of extant species. So why do some people currently get so het up about the extinction of a pretty bird species here or a weird-looking fish species there? Because it's personal this time. After only 200,000 years on the planet our poor *homo sapien* habits have disrupted 65 million years of peaceful evolution to trigger the sixth mass extinction. That is, this time humans are not only the major cause, we're also a likely casualty. Let's face it, being at the top of the food chain matters not if there's nothing underneath.

Two Mexican biologists—Gerardo Ceballos and Andres Garcia of the National Autonomous University of Mexico—

La extinción ocurre. De hecho los científicos estiman que el 99% de todas las especies que alguna vez presumieron arrastrarse, volar, nadar, florecer o dar frutos en la tierra, ya no existen. Eventos cataclísmicos como asteroides, el choque de los continentes y erupciones volcánicas masivas han causado cinco eventos de destrucción masiva a lo largo de los últimos 4.5 billones de años, cada uno de ellos arrasando con entre el 50% y el 90% de las especies existentes.

¿Entonces porque algunas personas se molestan tanto si se está por extinguir una especie de ave bonita o un pez de apariencia extraña? Es que ahora es un asunto personal. En tan solo 200,000 años de presencia en el planeta, los pobres hábitos de la especie *homo sapiens* han interrumpido 65 millones de años de evolución pacífica al desencadenar la sexta extinción en masa. Es decir, esta vez los seres humanos no sólo somos la principal causa, sino

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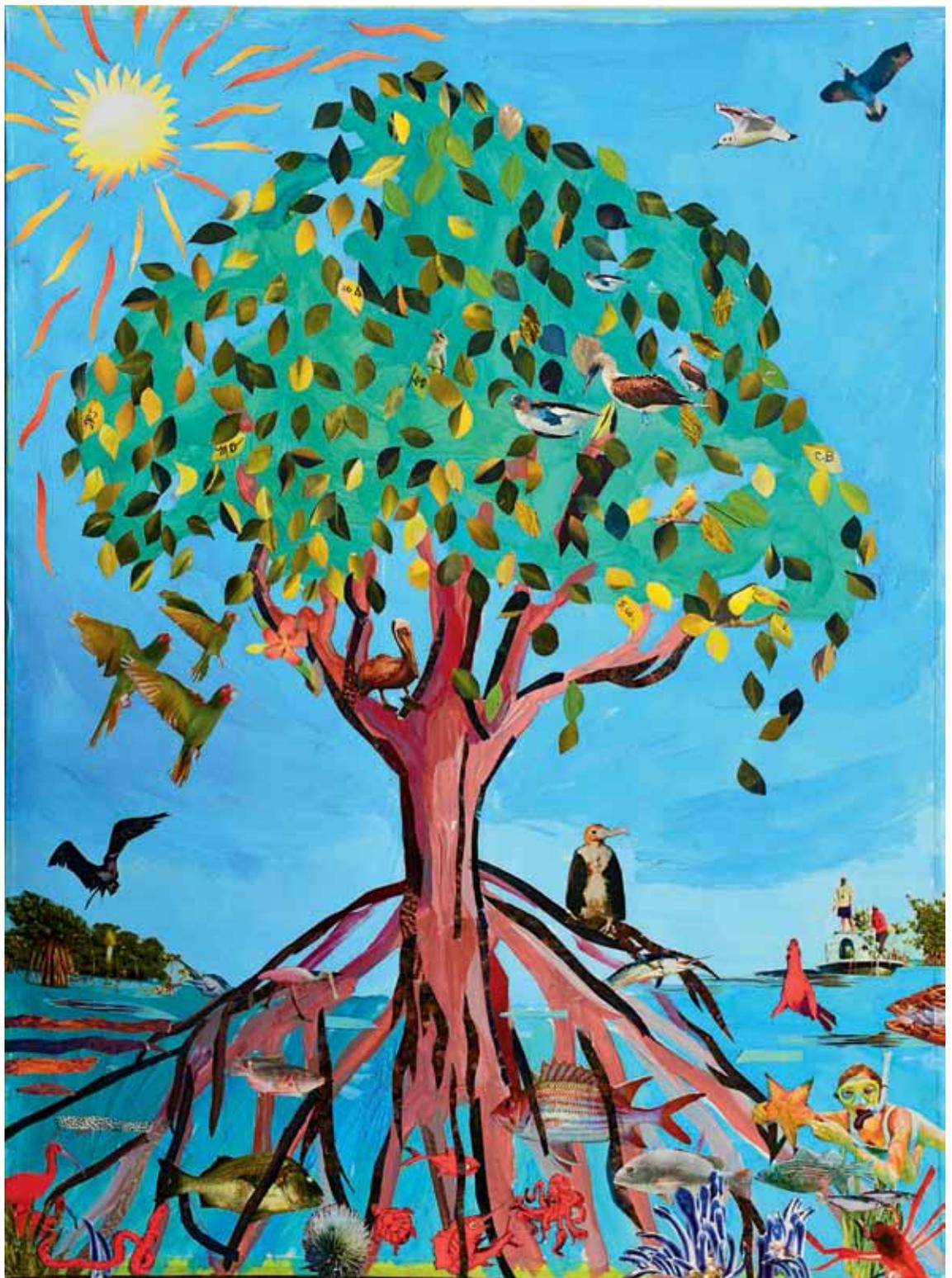
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working with colleagues from Stanford, Princeton, Berkeley and the University of Florida, recently published an article in *Science Advances* showing that if the loss of species in the world continues at its current rate, then the current extinction could be on par with the five previous ones in 240 to 540 years—three to seven human life spans. A mass extinction happening fast enough to be perceived within a human lifetime—it's completely unprecedented. The study states that the triggers for these deaths—pollution, predation and habitat change—are all manmade. But Dr. Ceballos, the lead author on the study, offers some hope, "I'm optimistic in the sense that humans react—in the past we have made quantum leaps when we worked together to solve our problems."

In other words, we need to get our collective act together. The study concludes, "Avoiding a true sixth mass extinction will require rapid, greatly intensified efforts to conserve already threatened species and to alleviate pressures on their populations—notably habitat loss, overexploitation for economic gain, and climate change." It's perhaps not surprising that two of the study authors are Mexican, as Mexico is one of the most biodiverse countries on the planet, and actually is considered mega-diverse—one of only 17 countries in the world with 70%



Mangrove Circle of Life by Tori Sepulveda, Monica Devine, Carol Bailey, Susan Willison, Joanna Spinoza, Christina Douglas and William Dubroraw.

species diversity. And here in Baja California Sur, mangroves are one of the most biologically important ecosystems in the state. In fact, mangroves are one of the most productive and biologically complex systems on the planet.

Mangroves are arboreal amphibians—salt tolerant trees that have evolved to bridge land and sea
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marbled godwits / agachadizas mármol: Kaia Thomson

también una víctima probable. Seamos realistas, estar en la cima de la cadena alimenticia importa poco si es que no hay nada en los niveles de abajo.

Recientemente, dos biólogos mexicanos—Gerardo Ceballos y Andrés García de la UNAM—trabajando en conjunto con colegas de Standford, Princeton, Berkeley y la universidad de Florida—publicaron un artículo en la revista *Science Advances* demostrando que si la pérdida de especies en el mundo continúa al ritmo actual, en 240 a 540 años, la extinción actual podría estar a la par con las cinco anteriores (en tan solo tres a siete generaciones humanas). Una extinción masiva aconteciendo tan rápidamente

que pueda ser apreciada en una vida humana no tiene ningún precedente. El estudio afirma que los factores desencadenantes de estas muertes—contaminación, depredación y cambio de hábitats—son todos provocados por el hombre. Pero el autor principal de este artículo, Dr. Ceballos, ofrece algo de esperanza “soy optimista en el sentido de que el humano reacciona—en el pasado hemos realizado saltos cuánticos cuando trabajamos juntos para resolver nuestros problemas.”

En otras palabras, necesitamos organizar nuestros actos colectivos. El estudio concluye que “Con el fin de evitar una verdadera sexta extinción masiva se requerirán de

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esfuerzos rápidos y enormemente intensificados para conservar las especies ya amenazadas y para aliviar las presiones ejercidas en sus poblaciones como ser pérdida de hábitat notable, sobreexplotación con fines económicos y cambio climático.” Tal vez no es casualidad de que dos de los autores de este estudio sean mexicanos siendo que México es uno de los países con mayor biodiversidad en el planeta y de hecho considerado Megadiverso—uno de los 17 países en el mundo que contienen el 70% de la diversidad de especies del planeta. Aquí en Baja California Sur, los manglares son uno de los ecosistemas biológicamente más importantes del Estado. De hecho los manglares son uno de los sistemas biológicos más productivos y complejos del planeta.

Los mangles son un tipo de árbol anfíbio, tolerante a la sal que evolucionó como un puente entre el mar y la tierra en ambientes costeros rudos. En la costa mexicana, los manglares cubren más de 700,000 hectáreas, lo que significa el 5% del total en el mundo—solo países con enorme cantidad de zona costera como son Brasil, Australia e Indonesia tienen más manglares que México. Y no solo se ven bonitos, constituyen un servicio completo de soporte de vida. Funcionan como área de reproducción y proveen de alimento y refugio para numerosas especies de crustáceos, peces y aves. Procesan residuos y filtran contaminantes para el bien del océano y la salud de la vida silvestre y a su vez protegen las costas y comunidades costeras ya que con sus raíces profundamente ancladas en el fango, los manglares pueden absorber el 90% de la energía de las olas. Como si esto fuera poco, son además súper divertidos de explorar. El Dr. Octavio Aburto del

Instituto Scripps de Oceanografía ha calculado el valor que estos servicios pueden alcanzar y estima que estos pueden alcanzar a generar 100,000 dólares al año por hectárea; lo que significa que los manglares de México cada año, contribuyen con más de 70 billones de dólares a la economía nacional.* Hasta Donald Trump llamaría a esto mucho dinero.

A pesar de esto, los humanos tumban miles de hectáreas de mangles por año en México para hacer espacio para desarrollos turísticos, cultivo de camarones u otros tipos de desarrollos industriales dando a México la cuestionable distinción de tener una de las mayores tasas de deforestación de mangles en el mundo. El director del Instituto para México y los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica en la Universidad de California, Dr. Exequiel Ezcurra, se lamenta de que “Esta visión cortoplacista ignora las pérdidas que sufre la sociedad generadas por la degradación de estos ecosistemas tan valiosos.” Tanto el Dr. Aburto como el Dr. Ezcurra predicen que a la tasa de deforestación actual, en 25 años, cerca del 50% de los manglares de México habrán desaparecido. Para poner esto en perspectiva, la WWF en México estima que el planeta perdió el 50% de su vida silvestre en los últimos 40 años debido principalmente a la pérdida de hábitat y la IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) ha identificado a la pérdida de hábitat como la principal amenaza para el 85% de todas las especies que aparecen en la lista roja; una recopilación de aquellas que se encuentran “Amenazadas” y “En peligro de Extinción.”

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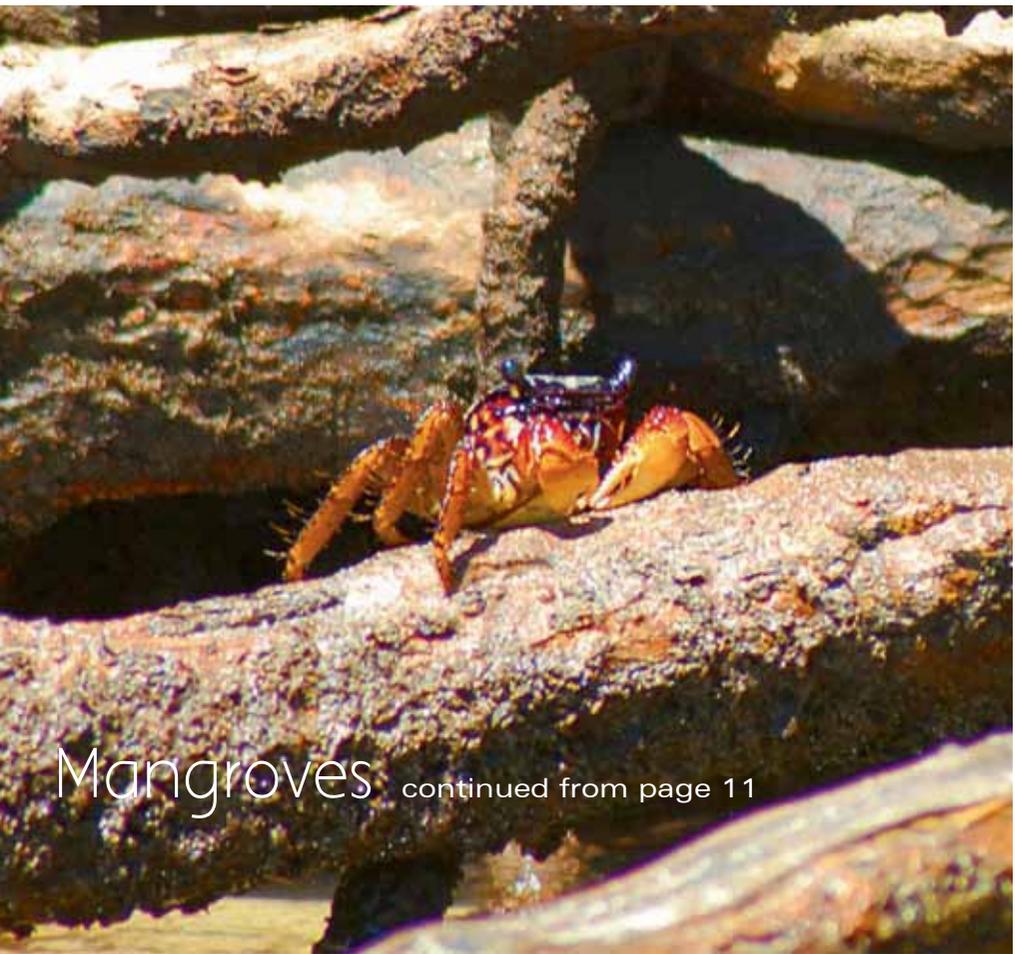
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in tough coastal environments. They cover over 700,000 hectares (over 1.7 million acres) of the Mexican coastline, which is 5% of the world total—only the huge coastal countries of Brazil, Australia and Indonesia have more mangroves than Mexico. And they don't just look cool. They are a full-service life support system, providing food, refuge and breeding grounds for numerous crustacean, fish and bird species, waste processing and pollutant filtering for good ocean and wildlife health, and hurricane and storm surge protection for coastlines and coastal communities; with roots deeply embedded in mud, mangroves can absorb up to 90% of a wave's energy. On top of all that, they're a heckuva lot of fun to explore recreationally. Dr. Octavio Aburto of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography has calculated that these services can reach an annual value of US\$100,000 per hectare, which means that every year, Mexico's mangroves contribute up to 70 billion dollars to the national economy.* Even Donald Trump would call that a lot of money.

Yet every year humans clear thousands of hectares of mangroves in Mexico to make way for tourism developments, shrimp farms and other agro-industrial developments, giving Mexico the dubious distinction of having one of the highest mangrove deforestation rates in the world. Dr. Exequiel Ezcurra, Director of the Institute for Mexico and the United States at the University of California laments, "This short-term vision ignores the losses for society that are generated by degrading such a valuable ecosystem."* Dr. Aburto and Dr. Ezcurra predict that, at current deforestation rates, in 25 years close to 50% of Mexico's mangroves will have been lost. To put this into perspective, the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) estimates that the planet lost 50% of its wildlife in the past 40 years mainly due to habitat loss, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and



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Natural Resources (IUCN) has identified habitat loss as the main threat to 85% of all species that appear on its Red List, a compilation of those that are officially classified as "Threatened" and "Endangered."

Dr. Patricia Gonzalez Zamorano, a landscape ecologist at CIBNOR (Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste) in La Paz who has been studying the mangroves of the Baja peninsula since 1997, cites a book[†] on mangroves recently-published by her institution and others when discussing the importance of mangroves to biodiversity in Baja California. "The mangroves of Baja California are the northernmost in the Eastern Pacific, and they support a tremendous number of species. Research over the years has confirmed that our mangroves support 159 fish species, 152 bird species—43% resident, 57% migratory, 214 seaweed species, and 213 species of marine macroinvertebrates, including 72 species of crustaceans such as crab, shrimp, and krill, and 62 species of bivalves including oysters, clams, and mussels. While the rate of mangrove loss in Baja California is comparatively low at 'only' 2% per year, between 1973 and 1981 we lost 23% of the mangrove forests surrounding La Paz alone due to development." It can cost several thousand dollars and up to 100 years to restore a single hectare of mangrove to its full environmental services capacity.

Dr. Aburto and Dr. Excurra worry that mangrove loss could cause irreparable damage to fisheries. Mangrove-related fish and crab species account for 32% of the small-scale fisheries landings in Baja California Sur, and mangrove loss, coupled with overfishing, have already had a severe

impact on the state's fishing industry. While the evidence is only anecdotal at this time, it is clear that many families who have been fishing in the state for generations are already looking to other sources of income as rapidly declining fish stocks are challenging their traditional livelihoods.

As *homo sapiens* we often make the short-sighted decision to allow a habitat to die, because we feel the resources required to sustain it are needed to allow mankind to live. It can take great creativity and commitment to find solutions to immediate human problems that will provide the biodiversity mankind needs to flourish past more than just the next three generations. The stakes are about as high as they come: Dr. Ceballos and his colleagues state that if the loss of species continues on the current projection, then "On human time scales, this loss would be effectively permanent because in the aftermath of past mass extinctions, the living world took hundreds of thousands to millions of years to rediversify." In other words, save that pretty bird, that weird-looking fish, that mangrove today, and they just might return the favor tomorrow. Extinction. It happens. But it sure feels different when it's coming for you.

*National Geographic Voices, the International League of Conservation Photographers, and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, *Mangroves in the Gulf of California increase fishery yields*

[†]*Los Manglares de la Península de Baja California*, Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur

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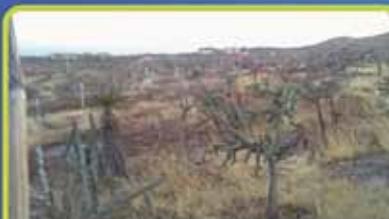
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"Casita" is located in Huerta Las Quintas. It is a great room with kitchen and fireplace, 2 bedrooms, one bath and a room for washer and dryer (which also can be another bathroom). The rear of the house has a big patio for outdoor cooking and relaxing. It is 130 m² on a lot of 800 m². It has beautiful new wall with electric gate. Has water and electricity. Plenty of room for expansion.



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Pescadero parcel 100 yards from beach, next to Agave Hotel & Homes Development. This 4,555 M² corner lot is cleaned and has water and electricity. Can be subdivided. Room for a Hacienda type complex, small hotel or rentals.



Mangles

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great blue heron / gran garza azul:
Kaia Thomson

La Dra. Patricia González Zamorano, una ecóloga paisajística del Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste (CIBNOR) de La Paz, ha estudiado los manglares de La Península de Baja California desde 1997. En su libro¹ recientemente publicado por su institución y otros, discute la importancia de los manglares en la biodiversidad de la Baja California, "Los manglares situados más al Norte en el Pacífico Este son los de Baja California y ellos son el soporte de una enorme cantidad de especies." Investigaciones a lo largo de los años han confirmado que nuestros manglares sostienen 159 especies de peces, 152 especies de aves (43% residentes y 57% migratorias), 214 especies de algas y 213 especies de macroinvertebrados marinos incluyendo 72 especies de crustáceos como cangrejos, camarones o krill y 62 especies de bivalvos incluyendo ostiones, almejas y mejillones.

A pesar de que el porcentaje de pérdida de manglares en la península es relativamente bajo con 'solo' un 2% anual, entre 1973 y 1981; tan solo en los alrededores de La Paz se perdió el 23% de la cobertura de manglares debido exclusivamente a desarrollos. Puede costar varios miles de dólares y más de 100 años poder restaurar una simple hectárea de manglar a su nivel normal de servicio ambiental.

El Dr. Aburto y el Dr. Excurra están preocupados de que la pérdida de manglares cause daños irreparables a las pesquerías. Las capturas de peces y cangrejos relacionadas al manglar son un 32% de las especies totales que se pescan a pequeña escala aquí en Baja California Sur y la pérdida de manglar junto con la sobrepesca han tenido ya un impacto severo en la industria pesquera del Estado. Aunque sea solo como anécdota, está claro que muchas familias que

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han pescado en el Estado por varias generaciones ahora buscan otra manera de generar ingresos ya que el declive abrupto de la pesca está desafiando su estilo de vida tradicional.

Como *homo sapiens* comúnmente tomamos la miope decisión de permitir que un hábitat muera porque sentimos que los recursos requeridos para sostenerlos son necesarios para permitir que el hombre viva. Puede tomar mucha creatividad y compromiso encontrar soluciones a los problemas humanos inmediatos que proveerán los elementos necesarios para que la biodiversidad pueda seguir floreciendo pasando más de tres generaciones. Las probabilidades no se ven tan favorables: El Dr. Ceballos y sus colegas dictaminan que si la pérdida de especies sigue con la tendencia actual, "en la escala de tiempo de vida humana, esta pérdida será permanente porque en las extinciones masivas pasadas el mundo tomó cientos de miles a millones de años en re diversificarse." Dicho con otras palabras, salva la bella ave, el pez con apariencia extraña, el manglar hoy, y seguramente te devolverán el favor mañana. Extinción. Sucede. Pero seguro se siente diferente cuando está dirigido hacia ti.

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Manglares: Resuelven los Problemas Costeros

Existen cuatro especies de mangle que dominan en Baja California y en el 2010 fueron todos clasificados desde especies en "protección especial" a "amenazadas" por la SEMARNAT. Estas incluyen al Mangle rojo (*Rhizophora* sp), Mangle negro (*Avicennia germinans*), Mangle blanco (*Laguncularia racemosa*) y Mangle botoncillo (*Conocarpus erectus*).

El **mangle rojo o colorado** es el más predominante en Baja California Sur y es fácilmente identificado por sus raíces aéreas desgarradas que le han valido el nombre de "mangle caminante." Al igual que todas las especies de mangle, los mangles rojos deben solucionar el problema de respirar y recolectar nutrientes en un sustrato anaeróbico (suelo que carece de oxígeno) y para eso sus raíces aéreas son una brillante solución. Estas raíces crecen hacia abajo desde las ramas teniendo una superficie expuesta al aire, luego al agua par finalmente anclarse en el sedimento fangoso transportando aire y nutrientes. Este ambiente rico en nutrientes atrae una enorme cantidad de organismos, desde protozoos hasta tortugas marinas y delfines, creando una magnifica y compleja red alimenticia. En los

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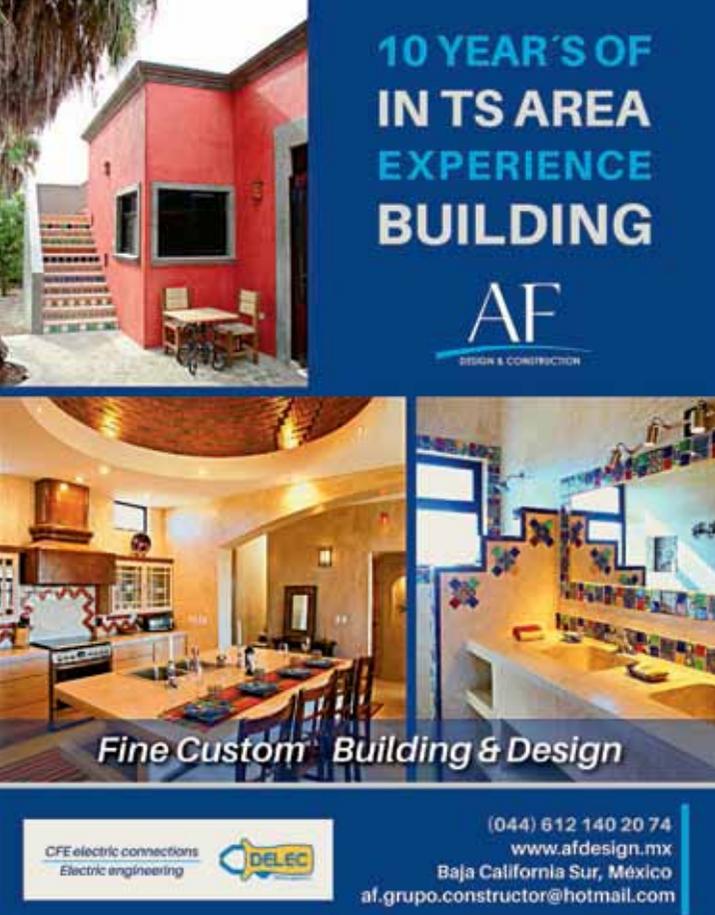
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Geonalties

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White Sharks / Tíburones Blancos

Sunning Iguana / Iguana tomando el sol



Baja California Sur's landscape is beautiful, rugged and full of personality, or, should we say...personalities? Pyramids rise from the hills, whales and sharks bask on the beach and even King Kong sits on his throne guarding the waters around Los Algodones, port of the piloncillo in years past.

The rocks decorating the peninsula have been in the process of formation for about 63 million years when Baja California began to slide northward along the slip faults, one of which is the legendary San Andreas. In simple terms, some layers went over, some went under and some were pushed up exposing the three basic types of rocks found in the area: metamorphic (sedimentary), metavolcanic (recrystallized) and granitic (granular).

Nature always has the power to amaze and no design in the natural world is concrete! Light, shadow, form, plants and placement all play a part in the visual concept of design. So, next time out ask yourself, "Is that just a rock or is it a movie star?" Fun part is, you be the judge!

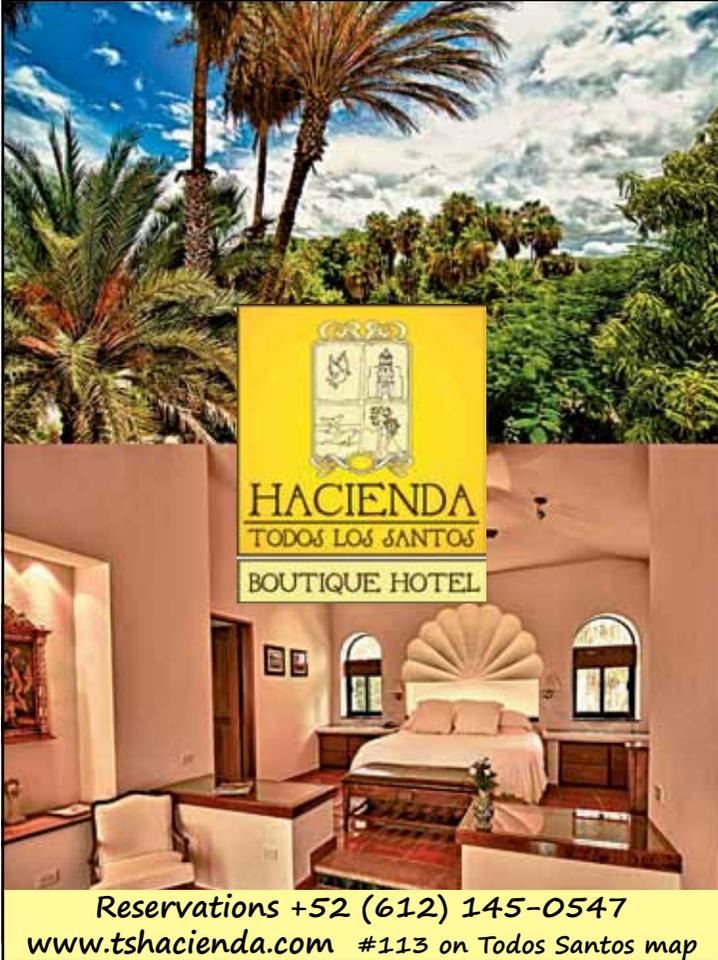
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trópicos, los mangles rojos pueden llegar a medir más de 24 metros, pero en un clima árido como el que tiene Baja California raramente alcanzan los cinco metros. En la Bahía San Gabriel de la isla Espíritu Santo las fragatas o tijeretas usan los mangles rojos como una gran zona de criadero a unos pocos metros del agua. Un espectáculo digno de ver. De todas las especies de mangle, el mangle rojo en la península es el que se extiende hacia las aguas más profundas, mar adentro, donde las condiciones son más adversas. Muchas especies pasan todo su ciclo de vida entre las raíces de los mangles rojos.

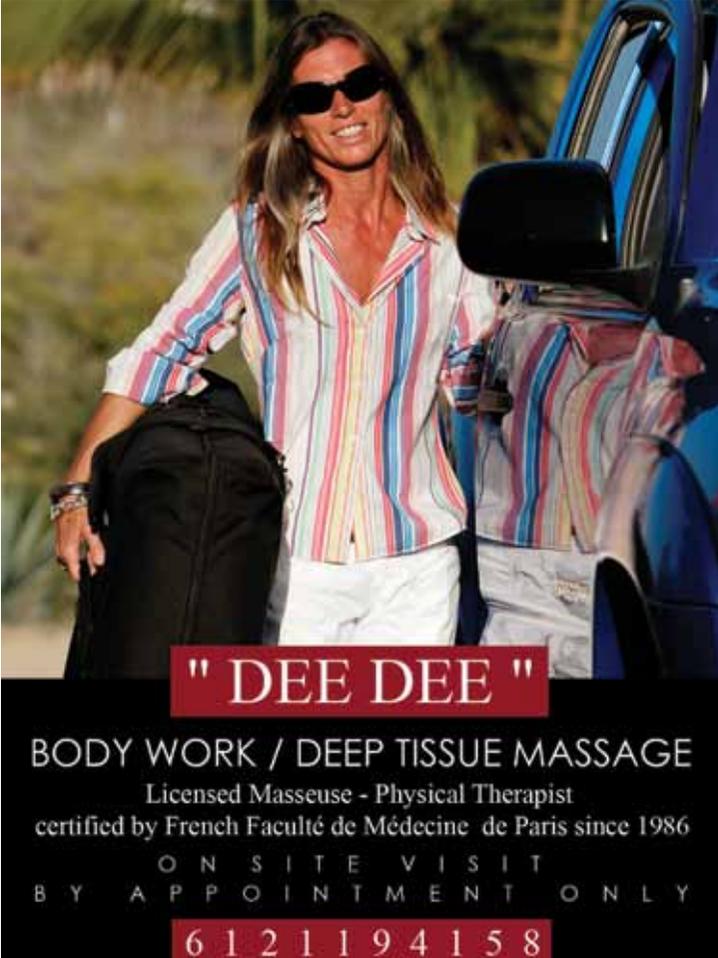
Los **Mangles negros**, al igual que el resto de los mangles deben lidiar con el problema de ser un árbol que crece en un agua con altas concentraciones de sal lo cual es normalmente toxico para los árboles. Los mangles negros resuelven ese problema exudando el exceso de sal a través de sus hojas donde aparecen como cristales de sal. En contraste con los mangles rojos, resuelven el problema de respirar en un suelo anaeróbico creciendo raíces aéreas pero hacia arriba desde una raíz principal subterránea que crece en el fango. Cuando la marea es baja, estas raíces aéreas quedan expuestas al aire y respiran mientras que cuando están sumergidas en el agua de mar absorben todos los nutrientes que necesitan. Los mangles negros son los que crecen en las áreas más someras, hacia la tierra, de todas las especies de mangle en Baja California. Al igual que los mangles rojos, las raíces aéreas de los mangles negros crean un microambiente que funciona de sala de estar natural, comedor, recamara y guardería para una amplia gama de especies a lo largo de una extensa cadena alimenticia.

Mangles blancos. De la misma forma que sus parientes de mangles en La Baja, estos resolvieron el problema de como reproducirse en un ambiente de condiciones acuáticas rudas adoptando una estrategia reproductiva que es más comúnmente encontrada en mamíferos que en plantas. Estos al igual que los mamíferos son vivíparos, es decir que paren sus crías vivas. A diferencia de la mayoría de las plantas, las semillas de los mangles germinan mientras aun están atadas a su planta madre, produciendo pequeños mangles "listos para llevar" o "propágulos"—plantas miniaturas que ya han completado casi medio año de crecimiento aun conectados a su planta progenitora. Cuando estas plantas bebés están lo suficientemente maduras, caen al agua y van a la deriva con las corrientes en el mar. Una vez que el propágulo toca tierra, inmediatamente produce raíces y pronto crece una plántula. El tiempo de deriva es más largo en los mangles rojos (40 días) mientras que los mangles blancos tienen el tiempo de deriva más corto de todos (cinco días). Solamente el periodo de deriva del mangle blanco incluye germinación, transformándolos en la única especie de mangle semi-vivípara en la Baja California. Los mangles blancos alcanzan su máxima densidad entre medio de los mangles rojos y negros, y las tres especies de mangles

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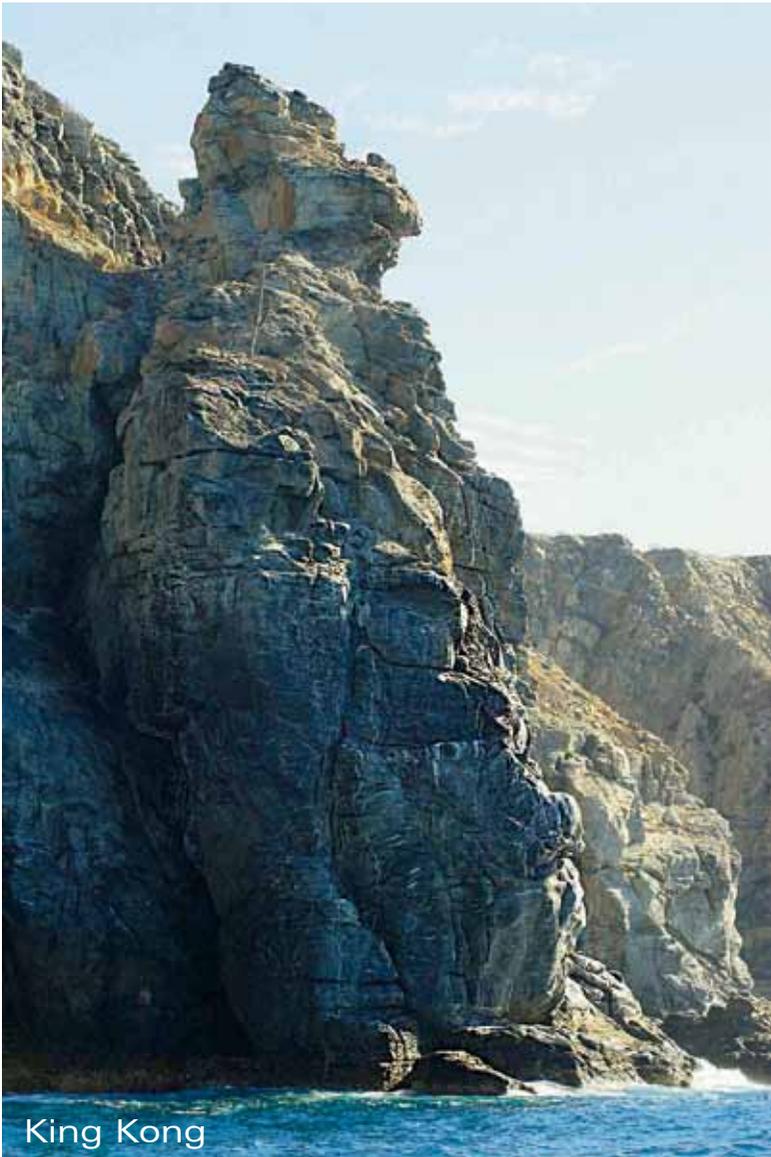
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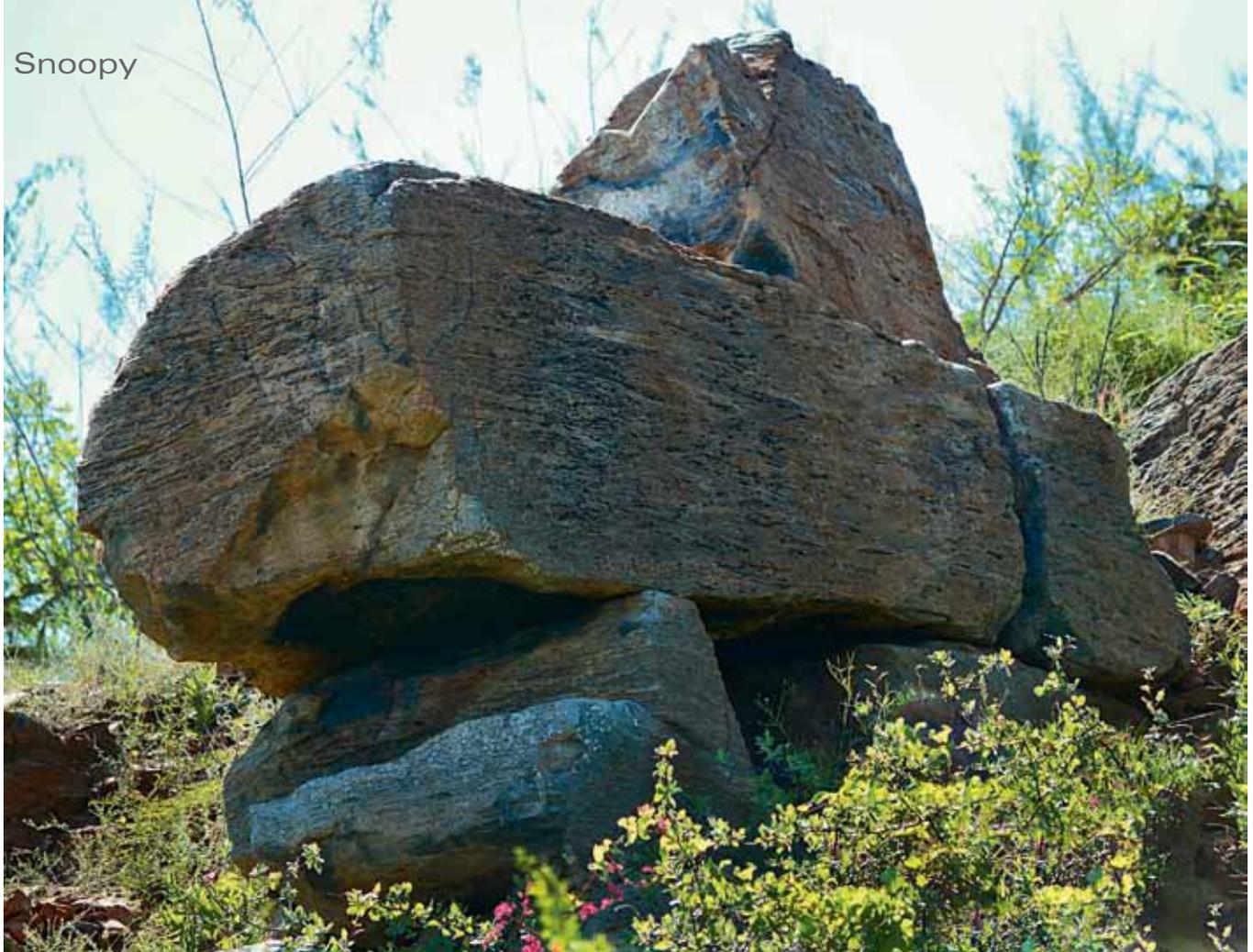
Whale's Eye / Ojo de la Ballena



Pyramid / Pirámide



King Kong



Geonalidades

historia y fotos por Kaia Thomson, traducido por Paula Angeloni

Los paisajes de Baja California Sur son hermosos, escarpados y llenos de personalidad ¿o más bien debamos decir... personalidades? De las colinas aparecen pirámides, en la playa se asolean ballenas y tiburones y hasta podemos ver a King Kong sentado en su trono cuidando las aguas al rededor de Los Algodones, el antiguo puerto del piloncillo.

Las rocas que decoran la península se han estado formando desde hace unos 63 millones de años, cuando la Baja California comenzó a deslizarse hacia el Norte a lo largo de fallas de deslizamiento, una de las cuales es la legendaria falla de San Andrés. Expresado de una manera sencilla, unas capas pasaron por arriba, unas por debajo y otras fueron empujadas hacia la superficie dejando expuestas los tres tipos básicos de roca encontradas en el área: rocas metamórficas (sedimentarias), metavolcánicas (recristalizadas) y graníticas (granulares). Así que la próxima vez que estés en la naturaleza pregúntate, "¿Es esto una simple roca o una estrella de cine?" ¡Lo bueno es que en esto el juez eres tu!



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october

October 9-12 | FESTIVALES TRADICIONALES DE TODOS SANTOS.

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October 15 | 7 pm, "BEYOND HOPE AND FEAR" with Steve Landsberg at the Uma Yoga Sanctuary in Cabo San Lucas. A public talk about how our karmic vision arises and is supported by our emotions related to acceptance, rejection and indifference. For more information: info@umayogacabo.com. Special retreat weekend October 16-18, with Steve Landsberg at Tsegylgar West retreat center in the San Jose del Cabo mountains. For more information: www.tsegylgarwest.org, TsegylgarWestSecretary@gmail.com

november

OPEN READINGS will resume in Todos Santos in November. Readings are limited to 5 minutes in length and original works only. Contact Zoë Dearborn for dates and location: (612) 105-0056 zoe@cultivatecreativity.net

November 12-15 | 4TH ANNUAL CULINARY WEEKEND at **Rancho Pescadero** with guest chef Renee Erickson. Reservations can be made by visiting www.ranhopescadero.com or calling (910) 300-8891.

November 15 | 4 – 6 pm, TODOS SANTOS SEA TURTLE CELEBRATION / Mural unveiling at La Esquina de Todos Santos. Join the Wildcoast Chapter of Todos Santos at La Esquina to celebrate our local marine turtles with the unveiling of the Sea Turtle Mural on the wall of La Esquina. Meet the mural artist Fernando Nafarrate—who will be working on the mural all day if you'd like to watch him in action—enjoy the sea turtle species exhibits with marine biology students from UABCS, ecology, and the current research being conducted in and around Todos Santos. There are five species of sea turtles living all around us, and two of them are in imminent danger of extinction. Besides learning more about turtles, you can buy a raffle ticket with a chance to win a coveted spot on a sea turtle research excursion out of La Paz. Raffle tickets are 200 pesos and the proceeds go to support the muralist's time and expenses. Raffle tickets are available now at La Esquina and through the Todos Santos chapter of WildCoast. For more infor-

mation: Stephanie@profaunabaja.org.

November 28 | 9 am – 12 pm. PALAPA SOCIETY OF TODOS SANTOS A.C. ANNUAL TIANGUIS. Now accepting donations: clothes, shoes, furniture, kitchen items, tools, art, books, DVDs, electronics, etc. Please contact info@palapasociety.org to arrange drop off. This sale benefits the Beca Scholarship Program, <http://palapasociety.org/>

december

December 3-5 | 7 pm, "SLICE OF LIFE" theatrical readings by Las Estrellas de TS in the Galería at Hotel Casa Tota in Todos Santos. Ticket are \$15usd or 200 pesos. Closing night includes a Wine & Nibble Mingle with the actors. Special pre-show dinners and overnight rates will be available. For more information: www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos

December 4 | 5 pm, "EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF BAJA CALIFORNIA" with Graham Mackintosh at the Centro Cultural "Prof. Nestor" in Todos Santos. For the Baja enthusiast, Graham Mackintosh needs no introduction. In 1983 Graham Mackintosh was a lecturer at West Kent College in England, teaching social sciences and special education to unemployed teenagers. Describing himself as the "least adventurous person in the world," Graham set out to walk around the beautiful but dangerous coastline of Baja California. Emerging from the cactus-strewn wilderness two years and 3000 miles later, Graham returned to England to write the now classic *Into a Desert Place* and there received the prestigious "Adventurous Traveler of the YEAR" award. **EVENTS continued on page 26**

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Gallo Azul, M T W F Sa 3 – 6 pm, 2x1 beer and margaritas.

Hotel Casa Tota, **M T W Th F Sa 3 – 6 pm**, 2x1 beer and well drinks.

Shut Up Frank's M W Th F 1 – 5 pm, 2x1 beer and \$40 pesos National drinks.

Sky Lounge at **Guaycura Boutique Hotel Su M T W Th F Sa 2 – 5 pm**, 2 x 1 margaritas and beer.

La Esquina M T W Th F Sa 5 – 6 pm, 2x1 beer, wine and margaritas.

every week

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sunday

10 am, **NFL FOOTBALL** with Bloody Marys 2x1 10 am – 12 pm, at **Chill N Grill** in Todos Santos.

11 am, **NFL FOOTBALL** and meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans and bacon for 120 pesos at **Shut Up Frank's** in Todos Santos.

MARQUECINE at the Teatro Márquez de León on the plaza in Todos Santos. Showing classics, Mexican films, independent cinema and Hollywood blockbusters. Check Facebook for weekly listings: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Admission: \$40 pesos. Popcorn and bottled water available.

monday

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the *callejon*, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

5 – 8 pm, **FLIGHT NIGHT** at La Bodega de Todos Santos. Featuring Baja wine tasting, live music and tapas.

tuesday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the *callejon*, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

1:15 pm, **FREE MEXICAN CULTURAL PRESENTATION** in easy Spanish. *Se Habla... La Paz* Spanish Language School, La Paz.

6:30 pm, **MOVIE NIGHT** at **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

TACO TUESDAY at **Chill N Grill** in Todos Santos. 3 meat, picadillo or potato tacos for \$90 pesos.

wednesday

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the *callejon*, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

5 – 8 pm, **BIG RED WEDNESDAY** at La Bodega de Todos Santos. Featuring Baja wine tasting, live music and tapas.

thursday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

3 - 7 pm, **2 X 1 PIZZA** at **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

5 – 9 pm, **ARTWALK** in the San José del Cabo Gallery District. Starting in November.

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how dirty the ocean is becoming and how plastic seems to be everywhere. Usually that would have been the end of it, but not this time.

A date was set, a plan was made, and on July 22, 2015 more than 50 divers cleaned four reefs and less than a month later, on August 16, more than 100 kayakers and SUPers cleaned all the mangroves in La Paz Bay. Just a few weeks later, on September 6, the divers cleaned Pargo Villa, a rocky reef in 60 feet of water south of Cerralvo Island. While the divers were out, a classroom of 5th graders cleaned the beach at La Ventana. Afterward the two groups got together to share what they had found, talk about how it got there, and how to prevent it from returning.

The organizers of *Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares*—Mariana Padilla, Pepe Torres, Ronaldo Vilchis and Pablo Ahuja—have pledged to do a cleanup of a reef or mangrove every month, and so far have completed three cleanups in less than three months. The next scheduled event is October 24 to clean up the mangroves in La Paz Bay after the rainy season.

The organizers are seeking donations to purchase a laptop and computer projector so that they can begin environmental education in the schools of La Paz. To learn more about how you can get involved and be a part of the project, please visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Rescatando-Nuestros-Arrecifes-y-Manglares> or contact organizer Pablo Ahuja at mantamexico@hotmail.com.



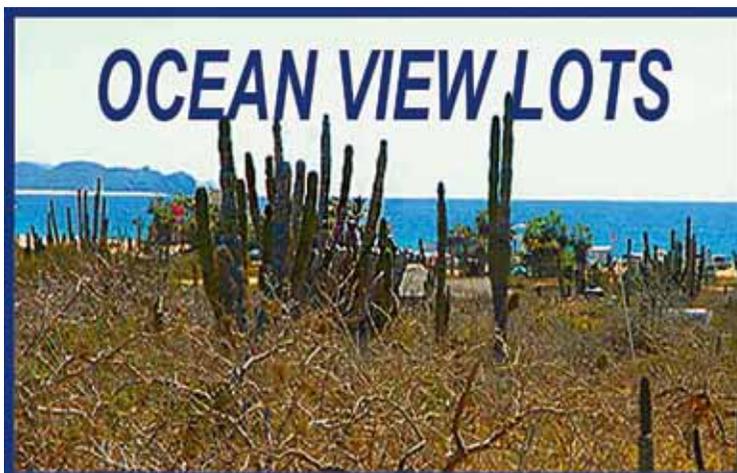
¡Involúcrate!

Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares es el nombre de un muy nuevo proyecto en BCS. Este es el fruto de cuatro biólogos marinos que mientras se encontraban disfrutando de una cerveza helada alrededor de una alberca, platicaban de su tema predilecto: cuan sucio esta el mar y como el plástico parece estar por todos lados. Pero esta vez la conversación fue más allá.

Se ideó un plan y se establecieron fechas. El 22 de Julio del 2015 unos 50 buzos limpiaron cuatro arrecifes y menos de un mes después, el 16 de agosto, más de 100 personas en kayaks y tablas de remo limpiaron todos los mangles de la Bahía de La Paz. Unas semanas mas tarde, el 6 de septiembre, los buzos limpiaron Pargo Villa; un arrecife rocoso al sur de la isla Cerralvo a 18 metros de profundidad. Mientras los buzos trabajaban bajo el agua, un grupo de estudiantes de 5^{to} grado limpiaba la playa de La Ventana. Luego, los dos grupos se reunieron y compartieron información de lo que habían encontrado, de como había llegado la basura al lugar y como prevenir que esto vuelva a suceder.

Los organizadores de *Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares*—Mariana Padilla, Pepe Torres, Ronaldo Vilchis y Pablo Ahuja—se comprometieron en limpiar un arrecife o manglar cada mes y hasta la fecha han realizado tres limpiezas en menos de tres meses. El próximo evento agendado es limpiar los manglares de la Bahía de La Paz el 24 de octubre, luego de la temporada de lluvias.

Los organizadores buscan donaciones que les permitan comprar una laptop y un proyector de computadora para poder comenzar un programa de educación ambiental en las escuelas de La Paz. Para aprender más sobre este esfuerzo y saber como te puedes involucrar y ser parte del proyecto, visita el siguiente sitio en Facebook: www.facebook.com/Rescatando-Nuestros-Arrecifes-y-Manglares o contacta a Pablo Ahuja por mail mantamexico@hotmail.com.



Mangroves: Costal Problem Solvers

There are four mangrove species that dominate in Baja California, and in 2010 they were all reclassified from "special protection / *protección especial*" to "endangered / *amenazadas*" species by SEMARNAT, Mexico's environmental protection agency. These include: Red mangrove / *Mangle rojo* (*Rhizophora mangle*), Black mangrove / *Mangle negro* (*Avicennia germinans*), White mangrove / *Mangle blanco* (*Laguncularia racemosa*), and Buttonwood mangrove / *Mangle botoncillo* (*Conocarpus erectus*).

Red mangroves are the most prevalent in Baja California Sur and they are easily identified by their gangly, aboveground "prop roots," which have earned them the nickname "walking mangroves." Like all mangrove species, red mangroves had to solve the problem of breathing and collecting nutrients in anaerobic or oxygen-free soil, and the prop roots are a brilliant solution. These roots grow *down* from branches above and in the water, and eventually anchor in the mud, transporting air and nutrients. This nutrient-rich environment attracts a huge array of organisms, from protozoa to sea turtles to dolphins—creating a magnificent and complex food web. In the tropics, red mangroves can shoot past 80 feet, but in the arid climate of Baja California they rarely get past 15. On Isla Espíritu Santo, in San Gabriel Bay, the Magnificent Frigatebird uses a red mangrove canopy as a huge, elongated nursery, just a few feet off the water. It's a sight worth seeing. Of all the mangrove species, red mangroves in Baja extend into the deepest water, the seaward zone, where conditions are harshest. Many species spend their entire life cycle among the red mangrove's prop roots.

Black mangroves, like all mangroves, must deal with the troublesome issue of being a tree growing in seawater with a high concentration of salt—which is toxic to trees. Black mangroves solved this problem by exuding surplus salt through their leaves, where it appears as salt crystals. And, in contrast to red mangroves, they solved the problem of breathing in anaerobic soil by growing aerial roots *up* from a subterranean main root growing in the mud. When the

tide is low these aerial roots are exposed to air and they breathe, and when the roots are covered in seawater, they take in all the nutrients they need. The black mangroves grow in the shallowest water of all the Baja California species, the landward zone. Like red mangroves, the aerial roots of the black mangroves form a natural living room, dining room, bedroom and nursery for a vast array of species along a very long food chain.

White mangroves, like their other Baja mangrove counterparts, have solved the problem of how to reproduce in such harsh, watery conditions by adopting a reproductive strategy that is more commonly found in mammals than in plants: vivipary. That is to say, they bring forth live young. Unlike most plants, the mangrove seeds germinate while still safely attached to the parent plant, producing "mangroves to go" or "propagules"—complete, miniature, folded plants that have already completed almost half a year's growth while still attached to the parent tree. When mature, these baby plants fall into the water and drift with the sea currents. When a propagule reaches land, it immediately produces roots and soon sends up a seedling. At 40 days, the drift period is longest for red mangroves and at five days, it is shortest for white mangroves. Uniquely, the drift period of the white mangrove also includes germination, making it the only semi-viviparous of the Baja California mangrove species. White mangroves reach maximum density between the red and black mangroves, and the three species together form the bulk of the mangrove forests of Baja California.

Buttonwood mangroves, like all mangrove species, are working to solve the problem of global carbon emissions by burying enormous amounts of carbon in their peat soils. In fact, mangroves sequester 15 times more carbon, 50 times faster, than inland forests. Buttonwood mangroves are very sparsely distributed across Baja California, and generally as individual plants of seven to nine feet. Only one stand of buttonwood mangrove has been documented in BCS and that is at Isla Espíritu Santo.

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Year” award. Author of several Baja books including the classics *Into a Desert Place*, *Journey with a Baja Burro*, *Nearer My Dog to Thee* and *Marooned with Very Little Beer*, Graham is an accomplished speaker with vast experience of 30 years exploring the Baja peninsula. Signed copies of his book will be available and are on sale at El Tecolote Bookstore. <http://www.grahammackintosh.com/Pages/default.aspx>. Donation of \$100 pesos (\$120 at the door) will go towards supporting the presenters’ missions. Seating is limited. Advance tickets available at **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos.

December 11 | SMALL WORKS SHOW at Galería Casa Tota by the artists of Todos Santos. Artists are invited to bring up to five pieces—photos, paintings or 3 dimensional to display on Tuesday, December 8, 11 am – 1 pm. For info: Tori Sepulveda, oscarntori@yahoo.com

December 12 | 7 pm, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR TOUR 2015 at **La Esquina de Todos Santos**. Live music by Los Grainers, Mexican Weirdohs, Los Atascados, The Barracudas and Jimmy Strings. Music starts at 8 pm.

December 16 | 6 – 10 pm, FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR HOGAR DEL NIÑO at **Rancho Pescadero**. For more information: Nancy Naigle nnaigle@att.net, (612) 178-0040

December 17 | 4 – 8 pm, “THE THURSDAY PAINTERS” a one-night art show at Mangos Gallery in Todos Santos. Featuring works by Marsha Dahlquist, Susan Doyle, Janna Kinkade, Penny Brozda and Ruth Asercion.

December 18 | 5 pm, “THE AMAZING & DIVERSE FLORA OF BAJA CALIFORNIA” with Jon P. Rebman, Ph.D., Curator of Botany San Diego Natural History Museum at the Centro Cultural “Prof. Nestor” in Todos Santos. Dr.Rebman is an accomplished scholar and author of the 3rd edition of *Baja California Plant Field Guide*. “Many of the plants from the peninsula and its islands are distinctive and stretch the imagination in respect to plant form and structure—including the bizarre Boojum Tree/Cirio, the giant Elephant Cactus/Cardón and elephant trees.” Jon will be sharing his extensive knowledge and photography of the flora of our area. Come join us on a botanical adventure to better understand the amazing and diverse plants living in your own “backyard” in Baja California. Question and answer session to follow his presentation.

Signed copies of his book will be available and are on sale at El Tecolote Bookstore. <http://www.sdnhm.org/research/botany>. Donation of \$100 pesos (\$120 at the door) will go towards supporting the presenters’ missions. Seating is limited. Advance tickets available at **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos.

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January 9 | 7 pm, DJ FEBE ESQUERRA FROM MEXICO CITY at **La Esquina de Todos Santos**. Music starts at 8 pm.

January 13 - 17 | “LORD OF THE WIND” kiteboard competition in Los Barriles. The 2016 event will be the IKA North American Kitefoil Championship.

January 14-16 and 20-23 | THE 5TH TODOS SANTOS MUSIC FESTIVAL with Peter Buck and friends at the Hotel California in partnership with The Palapa Society of Todos Santos, A.C. With with Death Cab for Cutie, Drive-By Truckers, Old 97's, Jeff Tweedy, Jayhawks, The Autumn Defense, La Santa Cecilia, Filthy Friends, Torreblanca, Tigría, Joseph Arthur, Steve Wynn, Mark Eitzel, Scott McCaughey, Kevn Kinney and Chuck Prophet. General admission is a first come, first served basis. See our article in the Holiday / Navidad issue of *Journal del Pacifico*. For more information and VIP tickets visit: <http://todossantos-musicfestival.com/>

January 21, 22, 26, 27 & 28 | 7 pm, PELICAN THEATRE COMPANY OF LA PAZ presents 'Love, Loss and What I Wore' by Nora and Delia Ephron at the Teatro de La Ciudad La Paz. Tickets are 150 pesos and will be available in January. For more info: pelican.lapaz@yahoo.com Facebook: PelicanTheatreCoLP

January 24-30 | THE TODOS SANTOS WRITERS WORKSHOP at Casa Dracula. “Earth Needs Writers!” is the theme of the 2016 TSWW, bringing a powerful lineup of literary talents to focus on the environmental issues facing the world, and Todos Santos in particular. The TSWW features morning sessions on fiction, non-fiction and memoir. Enrollment is open to writers at all levels with registrations coming in from around North America and a few spaces held for TSWW alumni and BCS residents at special rates. For more information see our article this issue, or visit: www.todossantoswritersworkshop.com

January 25-29 | 3 – 5 pm, The public is invited to a series of four **AFTERNOON SEMINARS** in association with **The Todos Santos**

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El Cielo: The Baja Sky

by Roc Fleishman
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Welcome to the Fall 2015 edition of *El Cielo*, highlighting the more visible movements of the heavenly objects above Baja California Sur. Keep this list close at hand and enjoy the sky.

MOON/PLANET CALENDAR OCTOBER

- 14th New moon after sunset.
- 16th Crescent moon 5° above Saturn in the west.
- 22nd Maximum of the Orionid meteor shower at 7 am. Enjoy the show in the early morning hours after the moon sets at around 2 am. The very fast Orionids are active from October 2nd through November 7th.
- 25th Planetary conjunction where Venus, Jupiter and dimmer redder Mars all rise close together at about 3 am. Jupiter a little left and above, and Mars to the left and below the bright Venus.

NOVEMBER

- 2nd/ 3rd Both mornings (early) Venus rises very close to Mars, just to the left.
- 6th Moon rises around 2 am with Jupiter just to its left.
- 7th Moon, Venus and Mars all rise together around 3 am. Mars is above the others and dimmer by far.
- 12th New moon should be visible in the sunset with Saturn just to its left.
- 17th Maximum of the Leonid meteor shower at 9 pm. Moon sets around midnight and Leo rises around

1:40, so you could really take a look anytime for the slow speed Leonid meteors. Earlier there may be more meteors, but less visible, and later there may be less meteors but more visible.

DECEMBER

- 4th 1 am (night of the 3rd) Jupiter rises followed closely by the waning crescent moon.
- 7th Occultation of Venus by the moon—during the daylight morning hours Venus will disappear behind the bright side crescent moon about 9:40 am and reappear from behind the dark side at about 11:29 am from Todos Santos. This is a good exercise to find both Venus and the moon in daylight, but a telescope or binoculars will be needed to get much of a view. Be careful not to point any unprotected optical instruments at the sun. Best to set up in the shade of a building or similar, to both block the glare from the sun, and eliminate the risk of accidentally getting the sun in the magnified view.
- 14th Maximum of the Geminid meteor shower 8 am. The constellation Gemini rises around 8 pm on the 13th and there is a new moon, so it should be a great year for the show, but best viewing is in the early morning close to the maximum, but before it starts getting light.

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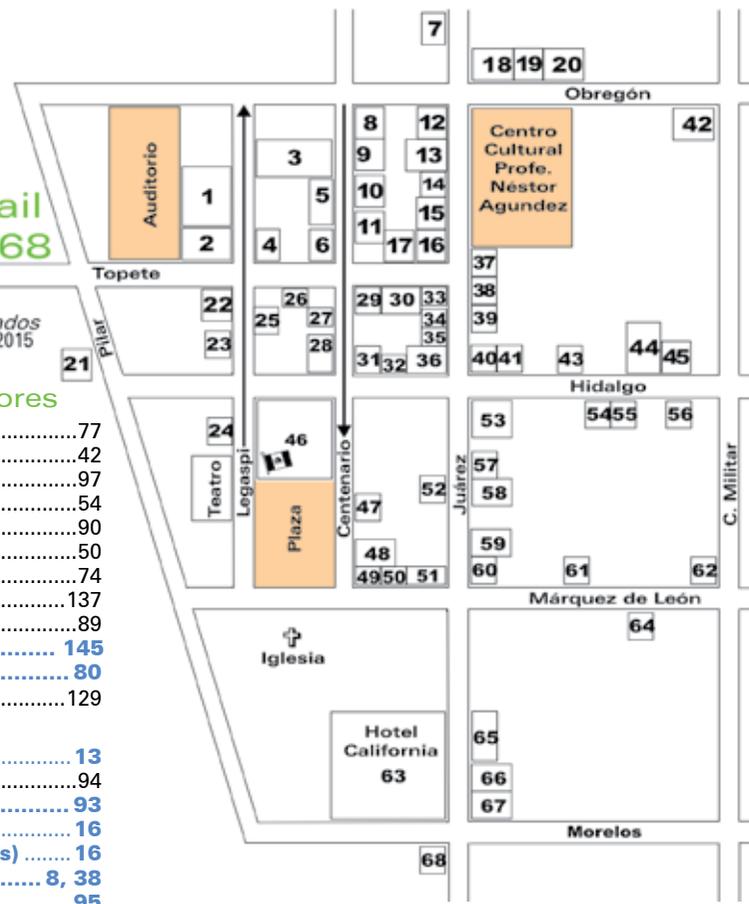
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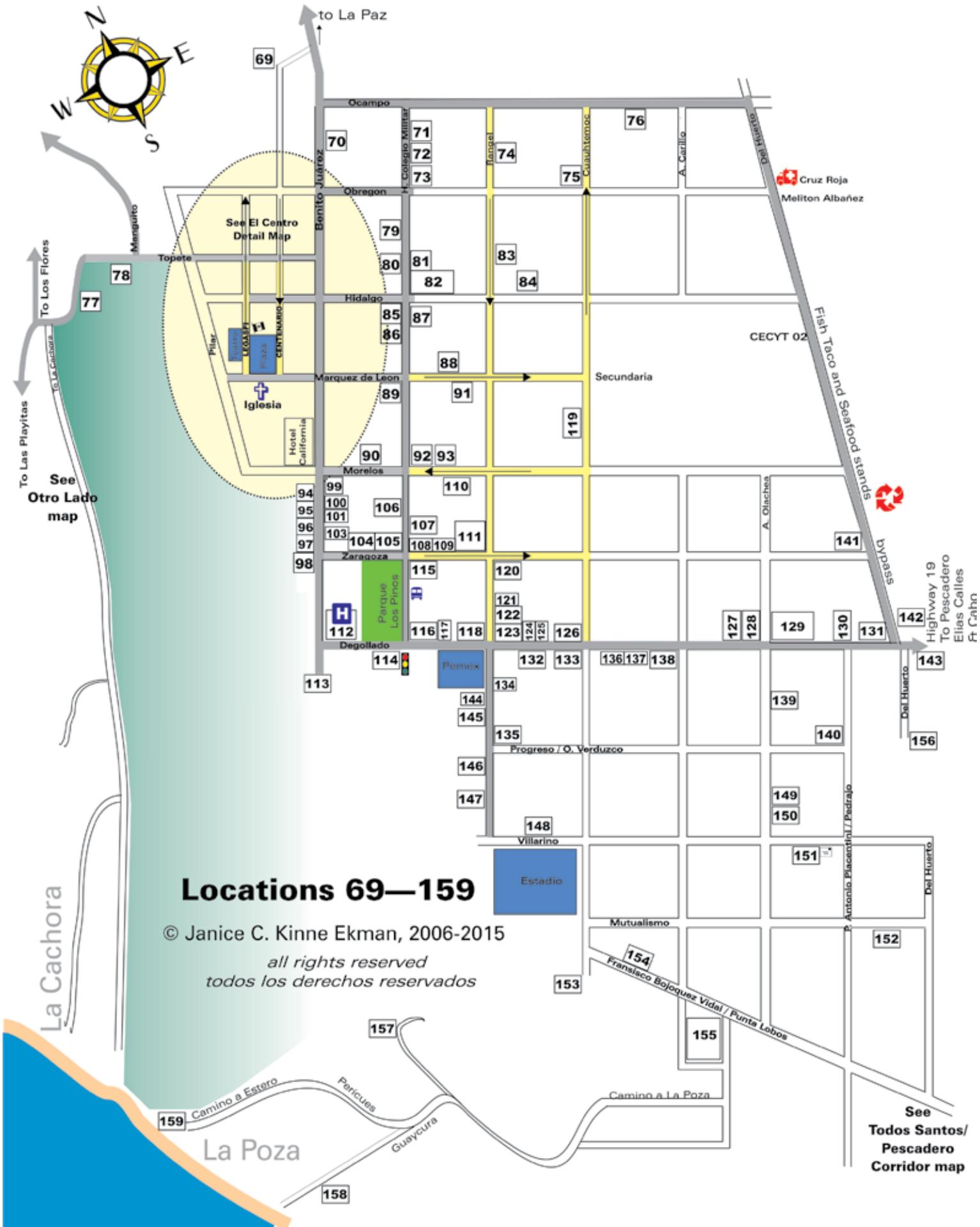
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Voces del Pueblo

by Janice Kinne

It was a long, hot summer with lots of changes, but we're back and ready for an exciting new season!

Once again, Bryan Jáugerui of **Todos Santos Eco-Adventures** has written a fascinating article on the importance of mangroves to our fragile coastal ecosystem and how they are threatened by developments. Bryan and her husband, Sergio, will also be speakers at this season's **Todos Santos Writers Workshop** in January 2016, "Earth Needs Writers!" See our article in this issue for more information.

The multi-talented **Kaia Thomson** provided many of the photos for species living amongst the mangroves, this issue's dramatic cover shot, plus a little fun with area rock formations. She also took the stunning lunar eclipse photos from September 2015 for *El Cielo*.

We'd also like to thank the art class of Tori Sepulveda for their lovely collage of the mangrove lifecycle on page 11, which was created just for this article.

Michael Cope of Galería de Todos Santos shares his experience over the past 20+ years painting and running a gallery in Southern Baja in this issue's Art Talk.

Also in this issue, Bruce Bennett of **Allende Books** in La Paz reviewed the bilingual photographic book *Tendiendo Redes / Tending Nets* by La Paz photographer Alejandro Rivas Sánchez.

We'd like to welcome **Snell Real Estate** to Todos Santos. You can find their offices on the newly repaved calle Juárez in Galería La Poza.

Rancho Pescadero is excited to announce their Guest Chef Weekends, a series featuring top culinary talents offering cooking classes, special dinners and more. The series starts November 12-15, with Renee Erickson, author of *A Boat, a*

Whale and A Walrus and Chef/Owner of The Walrus and the Carpenter, The Whale Wins, and Barnacle in Seattle, plus three new projects opening this fall. In March 2016, Jessica Koslow of the Los Angeles restaurant Sqirl and the soon-to-open Sqirl Away, will be the Guest Chef. Following Knowles, in April will be Executive Chef/Partners Thomas McNaughton and Ryan Pollnow of Ne Timeas Restaurant Group in San Francisco (flour + water, Central Kitchen, Aatxe, Café du Nord, salumeria). In May, the resort will host Greg Denton and Gabrielle Quiñónez Denton of OX Restaurant in Portland; the couple will be releasing their first cookbook *Around the Fire* in March 2016.

This November, **Pescadero Surf Camp** presents **Desert Moon**—a new hotel right on the Cerritos beach surf break—the perfect location for relaxation and sports activities. Each of their large rooms with kitchenettes has an ocean view.

Just up the road, **FreeSouls** offers an amazing culinary experience at Cerritos beach, featuring wood-fired pizzas, fish, lamb, steaks and homemade desserts. Not to mention the rooftop, ocean view Mediterranean bar and heated swimming pool.

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Shut Up Frank's, Todos Santos' first sports bar, is under new management. John Brown, with over 40 years bar and restaurant experience, has partnered with Frank Henley. In addition to the locals' favorite menu items, John has added his family recipe for Southern fried chicken, homemade meatloaf, world-famous chili, chili dogs and chili cheese fries—as well as many new specials to come during the season.

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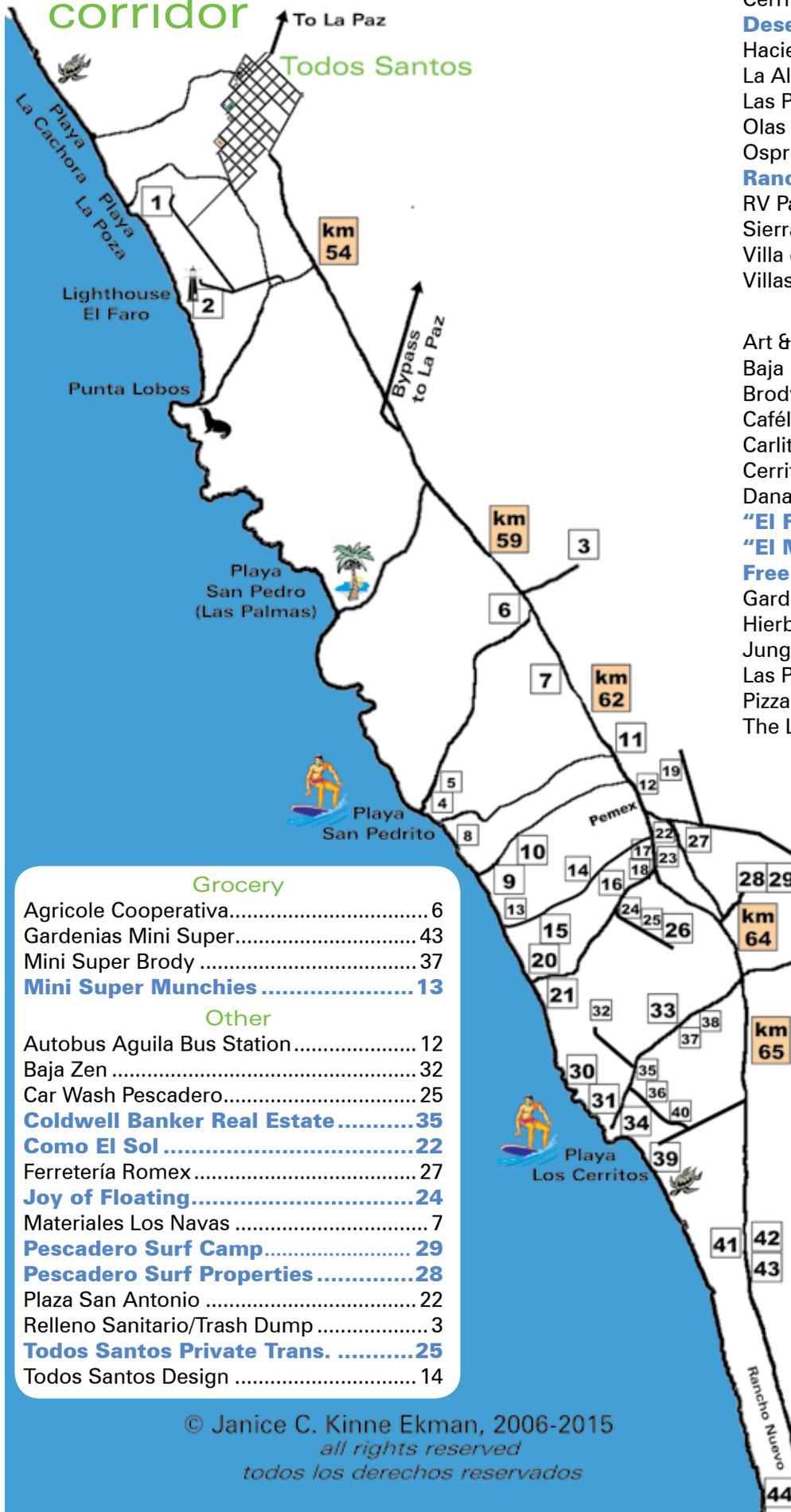
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To Elias Calles and
Cabo San Lucas

Beaches / Playas

by Janice Kinne

Todos Santos lies inland along the rugged Pacific coast. There are miles of beautiful white sand beaches accessible down unmarked dirt roads.

This stretch of the Pacific Ocean is a very dangerous place to swim at any time of the year. Strong rip currents and backwash are common. People have drowned in waters near Todos Santos simply because they were too close to the ocean while on beaches with steep drop-offs. PROPLAYAS Todos Santos A. C. has placed warning signs at the most dangerous beaches and has lifeguards on duty daily from 9 am to 5 pm at Los Cerritos beach.

You can access the **LA POZA** and **LA CACHORA** beaches via the La Cachora road. Both are suitable for walking, fishing, whale watching, relaxing or sunbathing. They are not swimming beaches. Because of the big waves breaking on the shore, La Cachora beach has become popular with skim boarders.

La Poza has a large freshwater lagoon that is great for bird watching.

When the lagoon is full, exercise extreme caution, especially if it has begun to overflow. People have drowned at La Poza beach in front of the mouth of the lagoon when the dune has broken and the lagoon flowed into the ocean.

- Do not attempt to surf or boogie-board the overflow.
- Do not swim in the lagoon when it is close to overflow; do not walk or drive across the mouth of the lagoon if it is even close to overflow.
- If you are going to swim in the lagoon be very careful. The lagoon may appear to be shallow, but has many sudden drop-offs and is actually very deep.

PUNTA LOBOS, named for a sea lion colony, is also known as the fishermen's beach. Simply follow calle Francisco Bojorquez Vidal (formerly calle Punta Lobos) south out of town, or turn off at km 54 from Highway 19. You will pass an old cannery from the days when fishermen could harvest sea turtles legally. There is a small freshwater lagoon at Punta Lobos with a shrine to the Virgin.

The fishermen ride their panga boats on the waves onto the beach between 1 and 3 pm. Their return is exciting to watch and you can usually buy fresh fish from the cooperatives.

The two fishing cooperatives have exclusive rights to the "launch zone" at Playa Punta Lobos. For reasons of safety and due to past problems, boat launching at Punta Lobos is not permitted without their express permission.

The only recommended swimming beaches are outside of Pescadero. **SAN PEDRO**, also known as **PALM BEACH** (*Playa Las Palmas*) is near km 57. Its entrance is across Highway 19 from the Campo Experimental—stay to the left as you pass the abandoned hacienda. Las Palmas is a beautiful, secluded beach surrounded by a palm grove

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with a fresh water lagoon that is home to a variety of plants, birds, and wildlife.

Due to strong currents (especially near the rocky point), swimming is safer 50 meters from the rocks. Swim with caution and always have a land reference. The property surrounding Palm Beach is privately owned. The gates are open from 6 am to 9 pm daily. Car break-ins have been reported at Palm Beach. Leave your valuables at home!

PLAYA SAN PEDRITO is a rocky surfing beach around km 60, about 4.6 miles (7.4 km) from Todos Santos. There is a large San Pedrito RV Park sign at the entrance off the highway. (The trailer park is closed but usually open to cars.)

PLAYA LOS CERRITOS is located at km 64 about 8 miles (12.8 km) south of Todos Santos. Look for the turnoff after the hill, south of Puente El Pescadero. Los Cerritos is a popular spot for surfing, boogie boarding, swimming and fishing. Swim with caution due to strong riptides near the rocks. It is recommended to stay at least 50 meters from

the rocks. The most secure swimming area is in front of the restaurant/bar. Swim with caution and always have a land reference. There is a long stretch of beach to the south that is perfect for walking or running. Surfboard rentals and other services are available.

Baja Zen, #32 on the Pescadero map, offers morning and evening yoga classes overlooking Playa Los Cerritos.

La Sirena Eco-Adventures, #150 on Todos Santos map, provides kayak and snorkeling tours, fishing trips, swimming with whale sharks, beach shuttle, surfing lessons, surfboard and boogie board rentals.

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juntas forman la mayor parte de los bosques de manglares de Baja California.

Mangle Botoncillo. Esta especie al igual que todas las demás especies de mangle, están trabajando en resolver el problema de las emisiones de carbono globales enterrando enormes cantidades de carbono en sus suelos de turba. De hecho los mangles secuestran 15 veces más carbono y 50 veces más rápido que los bosques en tierra firme. Los mangles de botoncillo están escasamente distribuidos a lo largo de la península de Baja California y generalmente alcanzan entre dos y tres metros de altura habiéndose solo registrado mangle botoncillo en BCS en la Isla Espíritu Santo.

Todos Santos Eco Aventures es líder en aventuras de observación de la vida silvestre en Baja California Sur. Visite www.TOSEA.net o llame al (612) 145-0189 para conocer más acerca de la exploración de los espacios y ecosistemas de Baja y su impresionante vida silvestre que estas áreas atraen y mantienen.

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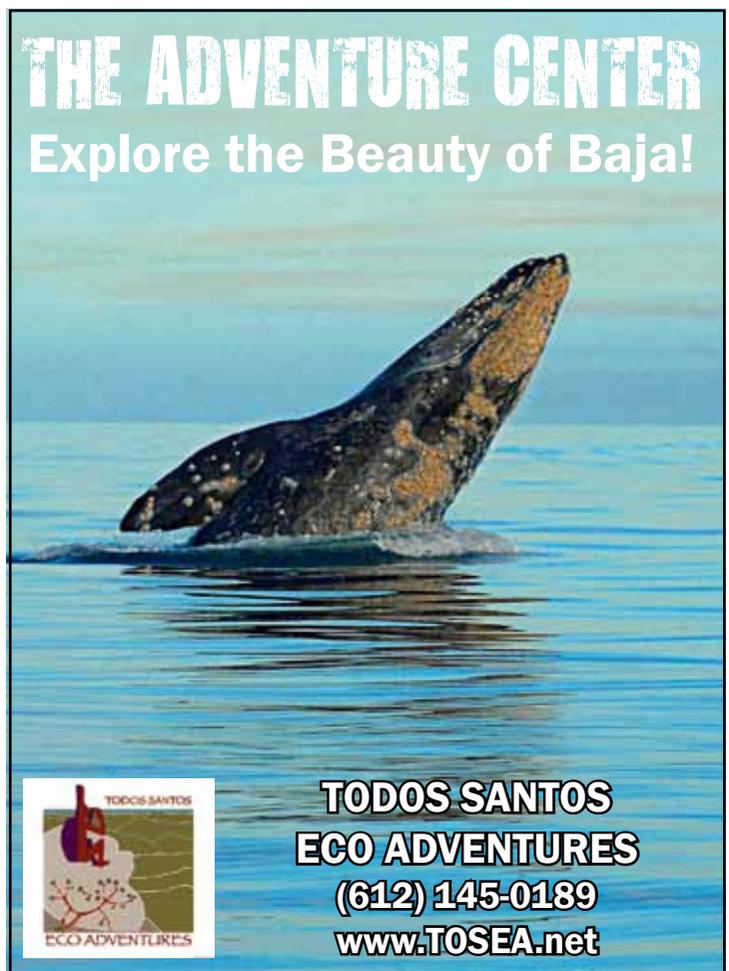
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New this season, The Todos Santos Speaker Series. This series features six different speakers covering Baja California natural science subjects. Author Graham Mackintosh, starts the series on December 4, at the Centro Cultural "Prof. Nestor." Upcoming speakers include: Dr Jon Rebman, author of the 3rd edition of *Baja California Plant Field Guide*; Stephanie Rouso of ProFaunaBaja; and "Indigenous Rock Art of The Baja Cape Region" with Anibal Lopez. Advanced tickets are available at **El Tecolote Bookstore**.

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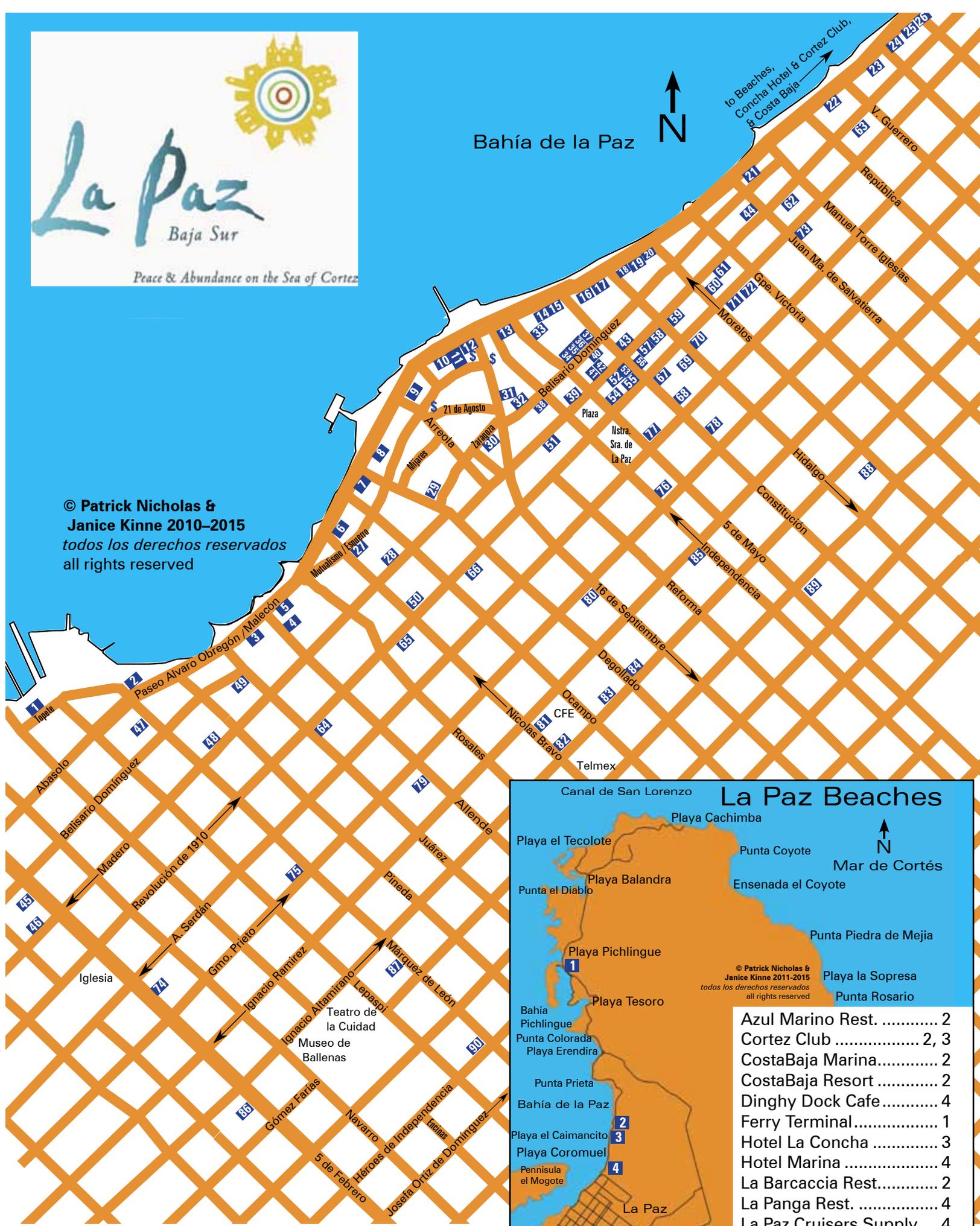


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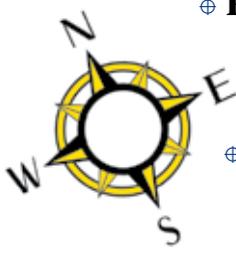
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La Paz Beaches

by Janice Kinne; mangrove photo by Ettore Botta

The *malecón* along the bay of La Paz is the perfect place to walk, run, people watch or enjoy gazing across the water. Crews clean the beaches and walkways daily, fresh sand has been imported and there are *palapas* to offer shade. Locals and tourists visit the beaches north of downtown to swim, snorkel, or kayak. There are several adventure companies along the *malecón* and at the marinas offering panga rides, bay and island cruises, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, sailing and kayak rentals.

EL MOGOTÉ is the spit of land that separates the harbor of La Paz from the *Bahía de La Paz*. This natural treasure used to be, for the most part, accessible only with 4WD. Now driving onto the peninsula is restricted due to the construction of golf courses, homes and hotels.

PLAYA EL COROMUEL 4.5 km from downtown La Paz, is the first beach north of town and an easy walk from downtown. It is within the harbor boundaries, has shaded *palapas* and food / beverage services. The water here gets much better flow with the tide change and is suitable for swimming. The bottom is clean sand and rock. Snorkeling is good further out.

PLAYA EL TESORO 13 km from downtown La Paz, is a great little beach for children. The shallow, clear waters

allow you to walk out for close to 100 meters. Tesoro has about 25 shaded *palapas*, two small restaurants and kayak rentals.

PICHILINGUE 19 km from downtown La Paz. Pichilingue is home to the La Paz ferry terminus and a large commercial harbor. There are pleasant, small beaches just north of the deep water port, on the *Vieja Bahía de Pichilingue*. Beachfront food and beverages service and kayak rentals are available and there is a restaurant with an upstairs view. The *palapa* bar is popular in the hot summer afternoons.

PLAYA BALANDRA 23 km from downtown La Paz, is known for its famous balancing rock formation landmark that resembles a prehistoric mushroom. You can view the rock formation and *playa El Hongo* by walking in the water around the cliff to your right. The large beach and surrounding area are beautiful. The waters surrounding Balandra are shallow and safe for children. Sheltered from wave action from nearly every direction, the water warms early and is very safe for swimmers and kayaking. There are also several little beaches

(coves) and mangroves to explore. The beach has no services, so pack your own lunches and drinks for the day. There are vendors renting chairs, selling fruit and drinks, beach *palapas* for shade and BBQ pits to the south.

PLAYA EL TECOLOTE 26 km from downtown La Paz, is by far the largest and most visited beach in La Paz. Two restaurant/bars offer shade *palapas* and a large number of beach vendors offer refreshments. RV camping is available, along with a wide variety of water sports rentals. Usually there are no lifeguards on duty, but they may be present during *la semana santa* and in the summer. The beach has a beautiful view of Isla Espíritu Santo and panga rides to the island are available—a 6.5 km crossing through the San Lorenzo channel. Bus service from the station on the *malecón* to playa El Tecolote is available for a nominal charge.

Sting rays are the biggest hazard at the playas and tend to be present on the bottom in shallow waters during the summer. When walking in the water, shuffle your feet on the bottom to avoid stepping directly on a resting ray.

There are no restrictions for beach fishing at any beaches. Please respect our beaches and help protect the sea turtles; don't leave trash or drive on the dunes or beaches.

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4 de diciembre | 5 pm, **"EXPLORANDO EL ESPÍRITU DE BAJA CALIFORNIA"** con Graham Mackintosh en el Centro Cultural "Prof. Néstor" en Todos Santos. En 1983 Graham Mackintosh era conferencista en el West Kent College en Inglaterra, enseñaba ciencias sociales y educación especial a adolescentes desempleados. Se describe a sí mismo como "la persona menos aventurera del mundo," Graham se dispuso a caminar alrededor de la hermosa pero peligrosa costa de Baja California. Surgiendo del desierto lleno de cactus dos años y 3000 millas más tarde, Graham regresó a Inglaterra para escribir el ahora clásico *En un Lugar Desértico* y ahí recibió el prestigioso premio "Viajero Aventurero del Año." Autor de varios libros de la Baja, incluyendo el clásico *En un Lugar Desértico*, *Diario con un Burro de la Baja*, *Más cerca de mi perro que de ti* y *Abando-*

nado con muy poca cerveza. Graham es un exitoso conferencista con vasta experiencia dado a su explorar la península de la Baja durante 30 años. Copias firmadas de su libro estarán disponibles y a la venta en la Librería el Tecolote. <http://www.grahammackintosh.com/Pages/default.aspx>. La donación de \$100 pesos (\$120 a la entrada) será destinada a apoyar los proyectos del presentador. Cupo limitado. Boletos a la venta por adelantado disponibles en la **Librería El Tecolote** en Todos Santos.

12 de diciembre | 7 pm, **TOUR DE BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR 2015** en **La Esquina de Todos Santos**. Música en vivo con Los Grainers, Mexican Weirdots, Los Atascados, The Barracudas y Jimmy Strings. La música comienza a las 8 pm.

18 de diciembre | 5 pm, **"LA SORPRENDENTE Y DIVERSA FLORA DE BAJA CALIFORNIA"** con el Dr. Jon P. Rebman, Curador de Botánica del Museo de Historia Natural de San Diego en el Centro Cultural "Prof. Néstor" en Todos Santos. El Dr. Rebman es un académico exitoso y autor de la tercera edición de la *Guía de Campo de Plantas de Baja California*. "Muchas de las plantas de la península y sus islas son distintivas y estiran la imaginación con respecto a la forma y la estructura de las plantas—incluyendo al extraño Árbol Cirio, al gigante Cactus Cardón y al Torote." Jon estará compartiendo su extenso conocimiento y su fotografía de la flora de nuestra área. Únete a nosotros en una aventura botánica para entender mejor las plantas increíbles y diversas que viven en en Baja California. Copias firmadas de su libro estarán disponibles a la venta en la Librería **EVENTOS** cont. en página 42

HORA FELIZ

Chill N Grill, Lu Mar Ju Vi 4 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza y well drinks.

Dana's Diner y Cantina **Mler Ju Vi Sa 4 a 7 pm**, \$25 peso cerveza, \$40 peso margaritas y well drinks.

Free Souls Do Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 4 a 6 pm, margaritas, mojitos, y cerveza especiales.

Gallo Azul, Lu Mar Mler Vi Sa 3 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza y margaritas.

Hotel Casa Tota, **Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 3 a 6 pm**, 2x1 cerveza y well drinks.

Shut Up Frank's Lu Mler Ju Vi 1 a 5 pm, 2x1 cerveza y bebidas nacionales \$40 pesos.

Sky Lounge en **Guaycura Boutique Hotel Do Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 2 a 5 pm**, 2 x 1 margaritas y cerveza.

La Esquina Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 5 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza, vino y margaritas.

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domingo

10 am, **FUTBOL DE LA NFL** y Bloody Marys 2x1 10 am – 12 pm en **Chill N Grill** en Todos Santos.

10 am, **FUTBOL DE LA NFL** y pastel de carne servido con puré de papas, salsa estilo gravy y ejotes con tocino por \$120 pesos en **Shut Up Frank's** en Todos Santos.

MARQUECINE en el Teatro Márquez de León en la plaza de Todos Santos. Se exhibirán películas del cine independiente Mexicano, documentales, matinée para niños y películas taquilleras de Hollywood. Los listados de las películas pueden verse en la página de Facebook: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. \$40 pesos entrada.

lunes

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

5 a 8 pm, **DEGUSTACIÓN DE VINOS DE BAJA** en La Bodega de Todos Santos. Sirve una selección de tres vinos diferentes de Baja.

FUTBOL DE LA NFL en **Chill N Grill** en Todos Santos.

FUTBOL DE LA NFL en **Shut Up Frank's** en Todos Santos.

martes

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

6:30 pm, **NOCHE DE PELÍCULAS** en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos.

MARTES DE TACOS en **Chill N Grill** en Todos Santos. 3 picadillo o tacos de papas por \$90 pesos.

miércoles

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

5 a 8 pm **DEGUSTACIÓN DE VINOS DE BAJA** en La Bodega de Todos Santos. Sirve una selección de tres vinos diferentes de Baja.

jueves

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** CADA SEMANA continúa en página 43



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El Tecolote. <http://www.sdnhm.org/research/botany>. La donación de \$100 pesos (\$120 en la puerta) será destinada hacia apoyar los proyectos del presentador. Cupo limitado. Boletos a la venta por adelantado en la **Librería El Tecolote** en Todos Santos.

enero 2016

9 de enero | 7 pm, **DJ FEBE ESQUERRA DE LA CIUDAD DE MÉXICO** en **La Esquina de Todos Santos**. La música comienza a las 8 pm.

14 a 16 y 20 a 23 de enero | **EL FESTIVAL DE MÚSICA DE TODOS SANTOS** con Peter Buck y sus amigos en el Hotel California en sociedad con la Sociedad de La Palapa de Todos Santos, A.C. Con Death Cab for Cutie, Drive-By Truckers, Old 97's, Jeff Tweedy, Jayhawks, The Autumn Defense, La Santa Cecilia, Filthy Friends, Torreblanca, Tigris, Joseph Arthur, Steve Wynn, Mark Eitzel, Scott McCaughey, Kevin Kinney Y Chuck Prophet. Admisión General basada respecto al orden de llegada. Para mayores informes y para boletos VIP visita: <http://todos-santosmusicfestival.com/>

21, 22, 26, 27 y 28 de enero | 7 pm, en el Teatro de La Ciudad La Paz. **LA COMPAÑÍA DE TEATRO PELICAN DE LA PAZ** presenta 'Love, Loss and What I Wore' (Amor, pérdida y lo que traía puesto) por Nora y Delia Ephron. Boletos 150 pesos y estarán disponibles en enero. Para mayores informes: pelican.lapaz@yahoo.com Facebook: PelicanTheatreCoLP

24 a 30 de enero | **EL TALLER DE ESCRITORES DE TODOS SANTOS** en Casa Drácula. "*¡La Tierra Necesita Escritores!*" es el tema del TETS del 2016, trayendo a un poderoso repertorio de talentos literarios a enfocarse en asuntos ambientales que el mundo enfrenta, y Todos Santos en particular. El TETS presenta sesiones matutinas en ficción, no ficción y memoria. Inscripciones abiertas para escritores de todos los niveles, con registros provenientes de Norteamérica y unos cuantos espacios reservados para alumnos de TETS y para residentes de BCS con tarifas especiales. El público está invitado a una serie de cuatro seminarios por la tarde, 25 al 29 de enero de las 3 a las 5 pm en el Centro Cultural "Prof. Néstor" en Todos Santos. Donación requerida. Para mayores informes visite: www.todosantoswritersworkshop.com

febrero

5 de febrero | 5 pm, "**TORTUGAS MARINAS DEL PACÍFICO DEL**

ESTE" con Stephanie Rouso, Maestría en Ciencias, Bióloga de Fauna, ProFaunaBaja en el Centro Cultural "Prof. Néstor" en Todos Santos. Las tortugas marinas han sobrevivido millones de años relativamente sin cambios por la evolución. De las 7 especies globales, cinco están presentes en el Pacífico del Este y en el Golfo de California, y tres anidan en las playas del sur de la Península de la Baja. En esta presentación, aprende a cerca de las especies que se encuentran justo en la costa de la Baja, el nuevo proyecto científico ciudadano innovador para ayudar a monitorear las poblaciones, qué pueden decirnos sobre el cambio climático y qué puede hacer cada persona desde su hogar para ayudar a conservar estos antiguos dinosaurios del océano. <http://www.profaunabaja.org/marine-turtles.html>. La donación de \$100 pesos (\$120 en la puerta) se destinará al apoyo de los proyectos del presentador. Cupo limitado. Boletos a la venta por adelantado en la **Librería El Tecolote**.

6 y 7 de febrero | 10 am a 4 pm, **TOUR DE ESTUDIOS DE ARTE 2016** en Todos Santos. <http://artistoftodosantos.com/>

6 a 13 de febrero | **XIX FESTIVAL DEL ARTE TODOS SANTOS.**

12 de febrero | 5 pm, "**ARTE INDÍGENA RUPESTRE DE LA REGIÓN DEL CABO DE BAJA**" con Aníbal López, fotógrafo profesional y naturalista en el Centro Cultural "Prof. Néstor" en Todos Santos. Las tribus indígenas del sur de Baja están ahora extintas, sin embargo, dejaron evidencia de su presencia a través de artefactos y arte rupestre. Aníbal López ha estado documentando a través de la fotografía y de video la extensa colección de más de 200 sitios arqueológicos a lo largo de la Región del Cabo de la Baja. Aníbal pretende elevar la conciencia de las comunidades mexicanas que viven cerca y la de las comunidades extranjeras con la esperanza de conservar estos sitios para siempre. <http://www.profaunabaja.org/archeology.html>. La donación de \$100 pesos (\$120 en la puerta) se destinará para apoyar los proyectos del presentador. Cupo limitado. Boletos a la venta por adelantado en la **Librería El Tecolote** en Todos Santos.

marzo

16 a 20 de marzo | **XIII FESTIVAL ANUAL DE CINE DE TODOS SANTOS Y LA PAZ.** Para mayores informes visita: <http://www.todos-santoscine.org/>

abril

23 a 24 de Abril | **FESTIVAL DE GASTROVINO TODOS SANTOS.** Para mayores informes visita: [Facebook.com/www.gastrovino.mx](https://www.facebook.com/www.gastrovino.mx)

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FUTBOL DE LA NFL en **Chill N Grill** en Todos Santos.

FUTBOL DE LA NFL y pollo frito sureño hecho con la receta secreta de la familia Brown, servido con puré de papas, salsa estilo gravy y ejotes con tocino por \$120 pesos en **Shut Up Frank's** en Todos Santos.

5 a 9 pm, **CAMINATA DEL ARTE** en San José del Cabo, en el distrito de las galerías. Todas las galerías que participan estarán abiertas hasta las 9 pm y muchas tienen recepciones y eventos especiales. Noviembre hasta el fin de Junio.

6 a 9 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en el Garden Restaurant en **Rancho Pescadero** en el Pescadero.

6 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO**, bar y parrilla abiertos con superburros y exquisitas margaritas en **La Esquina** en el otro lado de Todos Santos. Empieza 3 de Diciembre.

viernes

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejón, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTA**.

MARQUECINE en el Teatro Márquez de León en la plaza de Todos Santos. Los listados de las películas pueden verse en la página de Facebook: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. \$40 pesos entrada.

6 a 9 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en el Garden Restaurant en **Rancho Pescadero** en el Pescadero.

LADIES NIGHT en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos. 2x1 cerveza, vino de la casa y margaritas todo la noche.

sábado

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

9 am a 3 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO** en San José del Cabo está ligeramente afuera del distrito de arte histórico en la Huerta María en el Camino a las Ánimas. Hasta el fin de Junio.

9 am a 1 pm, **TIANGUIS NATURAL MALECÓN** (Mercado) en el Callejón Cabezud es en La Paz—el área entre calle Esquerro y el Malecón ubicado en el mural Wyland y la escultura del músico tocando el caracol.

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejón, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

MARQUECINE en el Teatro Márquez de León en la plaza de Todos Santos. Los listados de las películas pueden verse en la página de Facebook: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. \$40 pesos entrada.

5 a 10 pm, **SUSHI ESPECIAL DE CHEF CHOPIN** en el **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

FÚTBOL AMERICANO COLEGIAL en **Shut Up Frank's** en Todos Santos.

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february 2016

February 5 | 5 pm, "**SEA TURTLES OF THE EASTERN PACIFIC**" with Stephanie Rousso, M.S., wildlife biologist, ProFaunaBaja at the Centro Cultural "Prof. Nestor" in Todos Santos. Sea turtles have survived millions of years relatively unchanged by evolution. Of the seven global species, five are present in the Eastern Pacific and Gulf of California and three nest on beaches in the southern Baja peninsula. Sea turtles complete long-distance migrations and encounter multiple predators through their lives. However, the most dangerous threat their existence faces is from human action. Despite international conservation treaties created to protect these species, fisheries, marine debris and coastal development prevent their recovery from past decades of being hunted nearly to extinction. In this presentation, learn about the species off the coast off the Baja California peninsula; the new, innovative citizen science project to help monitor populations; what sea turtles can tell us about climate change; and what each and every person can do right from home to help preserve these ancient dinosaurs of the ocean. <http://www.profaunabaja.org/marine-turtles.html>. Donation of \$100 pesos (\$120 at the door) will go towards supporting the presenters' missions. Seating is limited. Advance tickets available at **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos.

February 6 & 7 | 10 am - 4 pm, **2016 ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR** in Todos Santos. For more information, see our article in the Holiday / Navidad issue of *Journal del Pacifico* or visit: <http://artistsoftodosantos.com/>

February 6 - 13 | **19TH FESTIVAL DEL ARTE TODOS SANTOS.**

February 12 | 5 pm, "**INDIGENOUS ROCK ART OF THE BAJA CAPE REGION**" with Anibal Lopez, naturalist and professional photographer, at the Centro Cultural "Prof. Nestor" in Todos Santos. Indigenous tribes of southern Baja are now extinct, yet they left evidence of their presence through artifacts and rock art. Anibal Lopez has been using photography and video to document the expansive collection of over 200 archaeological sites throughout the Cape Region of Baja. Explore

with Anibal over 5000 years of indigenous art scattered on granite rock faces. For six years, Anibal recruited the help of several rancheros whose families have lived for generations in the Sierra mountain ranges of Laguna, Cacachiles, Trinidad and Novillo. The paintings are associated with the Guaycura and Pericue tribes, whose extinction was caused by the arrival of the Jesuits and Franciscans long ago. Vandalism, gold mining projects, and looting threaten these ancient archaeological sites. Anibal aims to raise awareness with the Mexican communities living in proximity and with the foreign communities in hopes of preserving these sites forever. <http://www.profaunabaja.org/archeology.html>. Donation of \$100 pesos (\$120 at the door) will go towards supporting the presenters' missions. Seating is limited. Advance tickets available at **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos.

February 28 | 10 am – 3 pm **THE TODOS SANTOS HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR.** Sponsored by the Palapa Society of Todos Santos A.C.

march

March 16-20 | **13TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL DE CINE DE TODOS SANTOS** and La Paz. For more information visit: <http://www.todossantoscine.org/>

March 24-27 | **CULINARY WEEKEND** at **Rancho Pescadero** with guest chef Jessica Koslow. Reservations can be made by visiting www.ranhopescadero.com or calling (910) 300-8891.

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thursday cont.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE DINNER MUSIC** at the Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** in Pescadero.

NFL FOOTBALL and Secret Brown family recipe Southern fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans and bacon for 120 pesos at **Shut Up Frank's** in Todos Santos.

NFL FOOTBALL at **Chill N Grill** in Todos Santos.

6 pm, **LIVE MUSIC NIGHT**, bar and super burros at **La Esquina** on the *otro lado* of Todos Santos. Starts Dec. 3.

friday

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the callejon, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, **Palapa Society of Todos Santos LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

LADIES NIGHT at **Gallo Azul** in Todos Santos. 2x1 drinks (beer, house wine, margaritas) all night.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE DINNER MUSIC** at the Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** in Pescadero.

MARQUECINE at the Teatro Márquez de León on the plaza in Todos Santos. Showing classics, Mexican films, independent cinema and Hollywood blockbusters. Check Facebook for weekly listings: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Admission: \$40 pesos. Popcorn and bottled water available.

saturday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

9 am – 1 pm, **MALECÓN TIANGUIS NATURAL (MARKET)** at the Callejon Cabezud in La Paz—the area between Esquerro street and the *malecón* at the location of the Wyland mural and the seashell musician statue.

9 am – 3 pm, **SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO ORGANIC MARKET** (Mercado Organico) just outside the San José historic district in Huerta Maria on the Camino a Las Animas. Look for the signs at the big arroyo off Avenida Centenario.

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the *callejon*, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, **Palapa Society of Todos Santos LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

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5 – 10 pm, **CHEF CHOPIN'S SPECIAL SUSHI DINNERS** at **Gallo Azul** in Todos Santos.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE DINNER MUSIC** at the Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** in Pescadero.

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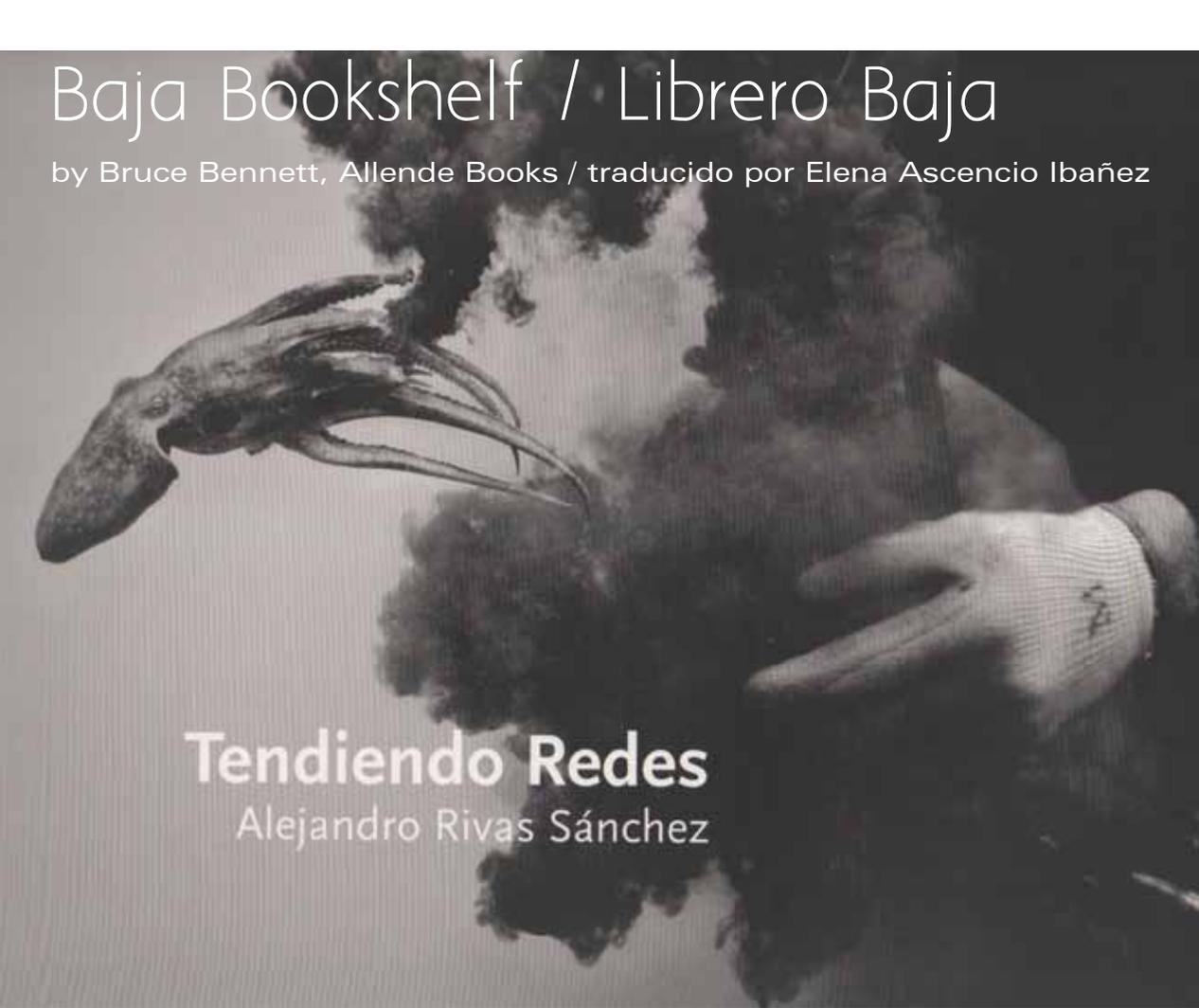
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Tendiendo Redes: A Photo Essay and History of the Fishing Communities of Baja California Sur

Tendiendo Redes (Tending Nets) by Alejandro Rivas Sánchez is a newly-published book documenting the traditional fishing communities in Baja California Sur. It contains over 100 gorgeous black-and-white photographs depicting the lives of those who fish for a living. It also features a bilingual written history of fishing in this area and summarizes the current challenges to fishing communities.

Evidence of fishing in what is now Baja California Sur dates back thousands of years. On Isla Espíritu Santo, mother-of-pearl (abalone shell) fish hooks approximately 8,000 years old have been found. Those ancient origins of our connection to the sea still resonate as Baja California Sur currently has about 3,700 fishing vessels directly supporting 16,000 families.

Fisheries in Baja California Sur have changed greatly over time. For many decades, fishing in local waters often directly benefited foreigners from Spain, the United States, China, Japan, Italy, and England rather than Mexicans. Fishermen from those countries were able to plunder Mexican resources through outright conquest; a lack of regulation and enforcement in Mexican waters; the fact that fisheries processing and distribution centers for resources extracted from Mexican waters were based in the United States; and a preference for granting resource concessions to foreigners. It wasn't until after the Mexican Revolution that the foundations of national fisheries were

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Tendiendo Redes de Alejandro Rivas Sánchez, es un libro recientemente publicado que documenta las comunidades pesqueras en Baja California Sur. Contiene más de 100 hermosas fotografías en blanco y negro mostrando las vidas de aquellos quienes se dedican a la pesca. También presenta una historia bilingüe de la pesca en

esta área y resume los retos que actualmente enfrentan las comunidades pesqueras.

Existe evidencia de la pesca en lo que ahora es Baja California Sur que data de hace miles de años. En la Isla Espíritu Santo se han encontrado anzuelos de abulón de aproximadamente 8 mil años. Esos orígenes antiguos de nuestra conexión con el mar, aún resuenan dado que actualmente Baja California Sur tiene 3,700 botes de pesca que directamente mantienen a 16,000 familias.

La pesca en Baja California Sur ha cambiado enormemente con el tiempo. Durante muchas décadas, la pesca en las aguas locales con frecuencia beneficiaba a extranjeros provenientes de España, Estados Unidos, China, Japón, Italia e Inglaterra más que a los mexicanos. Pescadores de esos países podían saquear los recursos dado a la conquista; a una falta de reglamentación y de aplicación de las reglas en las aguas mexicanas; dado al hecho de que los centros de distribución y procesamiento de los recursos extraídos de las aguas mexicanas estaban localizados en los Estados Unidos; y debido a una preferencia a otorgar concesiones a extranjeros. No fue sino hasta después de la Revolución Mexicana que las bases de las pesqueras nacionales se establecieron, mayormente a través de reglas estableciendo cooperativas pesqueras. La primera de tales cooperativas en Baja California Sur, fue establecida en 1939.

Las pesqueras del estado se volvieron tan exitosas, que en 1970 eran las responsables de más del 20 por ciento

established, largely through regulations establishing fisheries cooperatives. The first such cooperative in Baja California Sur was established in 1939.

State fisheries became so successful that in 1970 they accounted for over 20 percent of Baja California Sur's gross domestic product. But in 2012, that figure was a meager 4 percent. What happened? Two factors are largely responsible and, the author contends, must be addressed in order to ensure the future success of fishing communities in Baja California Sur: over-exploitation of marine resources and displacement of fishing families by development.

Greater human populations and increased fishing, combined with general environmental deterioration, have caused alarming pressures on marine species. More than 60 percent of fish populations in Mexico are now being exploited to their maximum level, and approximately 20 percent of them are currently being over-harvested and are declining. Greater regulation and enforcement of harvest is needed, as well as coordination of oversight among various agencies.

In addition to the marine resources, the human resources that are the basis of fishing in the state, that is to say the fishing communities, must be protected from the displacement that becomes inevitable when coastal areas are continuously developed for mega-projects designed for tourists and foreign investors. The author cites the Cabo Pulmo National Park and its surrounding fishing community as an example of tourism and traditional fishing co-existing peacefully. The recent successful attempts to stop a mega-development (Cabo Cortés) in the area may be a sign of hope for the future.

The history presented in this new book is a fascinating and important part of the culture of Baja California Sur. And the photographs are a lush representation of those who continue to make their living from the sea. This new book is available at area bookstores, including Allende Books in La Paz, for only 500 pesos.

del producto bruto doméstico de Baja California Sur. Pero en 2012, esa cifra fue un pobre 4 por ciento. ¿Qué ocurrió? Dos factores son mayormente responsables, y el autor afirma, deben ser atendidos para poder asegurar el éxito futuro de las comunidades pesqueras en Baja California Sur: la sobre-explotación de los recursos marinos y el desplazamiento de las familias pesqueras debido al desarrollo.

Poblaciones humanas más grandes y una pesca creciente, combinados con el deterioro ambiental general, han causado presiones alarmantes en las especies marinas. Más del 60 por ciento de las poblaciones de peces en México están siendo explotadas ahora a su máximo nivel, y aproximadamente un 20 por ciento de ellas están actualmente siendo cosechadas en demasía y están declinando. Se necesita una mayor reglamentación y mejor aplicación de la reglamentación de la pesca, así como también una coordinación de supervisión entre varias agencias.

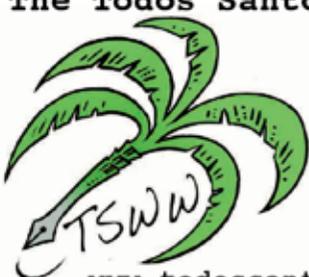
Además de los recursos marinos, los recursos humanos que son la base de la pesca en el estado, es decir, las comunidades pesqueras, deben ser protegidas del desplazamiento que se torna inevitable cuando las áreas costeras son continuamente desarrolladas por mega proyectos diseñados para turistas e inversionistas extranjeros. El autor menciona el Parque Nacional Cabo Pulmo y su comunidad pesquera como un ejemplo de turismo y pesca tradicional coexistiendo en paz. Los intentos recientes exitosos para detener un mega desarrollo (Cabo Cortés) en el área, puede ser una señal de esperanza para el futuro.

La historia presentada en este nuevo libro es una parte fascinante e importante de la cultura de Baja California Sur. Y las fotografías son una exuberante representación de aquellos que continúan ganándose la vida con el mar. Este nuevo libro está disponible en las librerías del área, incluyendo a Allende Books en La Paz, por solo 500 pesos.



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