

We plan to send 3-4 updates yearly to keep you informed as to our progress and effectiveness (where your money went). These two SeaWatch initiated programs have been major players in turning "Espiritu Santo National Park" into one of the best managed and protected National Parks in the world according to the IUCN.

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During lockdown we are still

"Moving the needle"



ROC doubles vigilance during Covid closures



ROC vigilance patrols cover 330 miles of coastline last week

Last week, [ROC's three patrol boats](#) covered over 330 miles of coastline in the Bay of La Paz and South to Muertos. One boat going north to San Jose Island, another spent several days at the Espiritu Santo National Park while the third patrolled south around Cerralvo and Muertos Bay. [Click here to check their routes.](#)



Unattended fish traps near Muertos Bay pulled by Conapesca w/ROC

Fish traps are becoming ubiquitous around La Paz and Muertos Bay areas and they are [indiscriminate killers of fish](#). While legal there are restrictions on how they can be used. ROC is working with authorities to make sure that boats with traps are on site monitoring them. If not, or if the traps are left out at night, they are confiscated. ROC is working to minimize the damage and also involving the public in a discussion about trap use in the Espiritu Santo National park



ROC working with local fishermen, stop Illegal fishing from Mulege

A fleet of pangas from Mulege arrived in June to the Muertos/Ventana area as they have in years past to target Sabalo (aka Lady Fish). Sabalo is what the Rooster fish eat and Rooster fish are a mainstay of sport fishing in the area. ROC found the boats were also fishing illegally on the reefs and due to ROC's constant presence all 6 boats left the area a month and a half earlier than normal.



Keeping connected during Covid-19 lockdown

The Covid-19 lockdown took us all by surprise, forcing us to postpone our annual fundraising event, [Sabor A Mar](#), and focus on the things that matter the most like inspiring and motivating our community to stay positive, stay involved and most importantly, stay connected!

Teaching the importance of parrotfish to the next generation on June 8th, campaign director Lucia Corral put on a Zoom meeting with kindergarten children. Lucia talked about being a marine biologist working to protect Espiritu Santo National Park and the importance of parrotfish to healthy reefs. Zoom can be a great communication tool especially with current home schooling.



Helping Conanp with video production

Campaign staff met with Espiritu Santo National Park Director, Irma Gonzalez, regarding new tourism economic data for the Park and to launch a new collaboration project with Conanp. We are producing approximately 20 videos to help communicate good practices for diving and swimming and park rules for visitors. One of the first videos called "The Green List" shows the steps to winning the international IUCN award as one of the best managed and protected parks in the world in November 2018 (the second such award in North/South America and first in Mexico).



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Videos produced for our partners in the reef fish recovery at Espiritu Santo National Park



Keeping the public aware of the importance of Parrotfish to healthy reefs is never ending. Here is our latest video.

Meet one of the creators of the best beaches in Mexico: The Parrotfish



In collaboration with Conanp we produced this video to inform about the closure of the National Park as part of the COVID-19 contingency, and the beginning of the reproduction season of the Sea Lions, where the visits to Los Islotes are restricted.



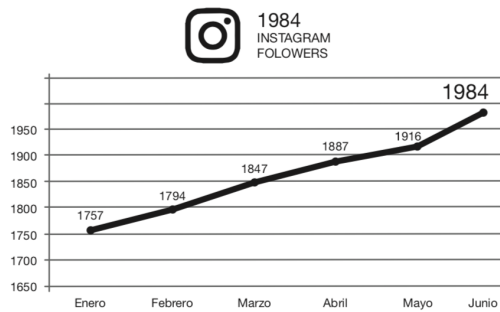
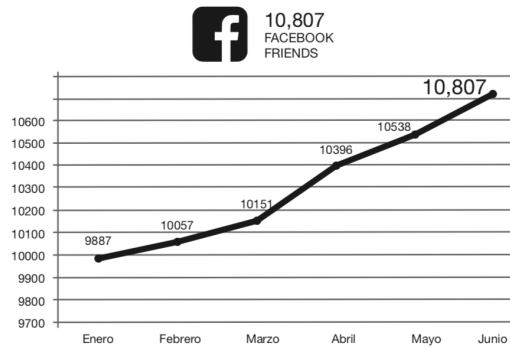
Arturo Bocos and Jenny Carolina Rodríguez from ECO PRO AZUL tell us about the importance of herbivorous fish in the reefs of the Gulf of California and the conservation and monitoring actions that are carried out in the Espiritu Santo Archipelago.



Learn about the work of MAR LIBRE - Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares, an organization that performs cleaning on reefs and mangroves, as well as talks on environmental education in schools.

During the lockdown we implemented a strategy to grow our followers in social media.

We produced [19 videos](#) and shared them on Facebook, Instagram, and You Tube.



We hope our successes in reef and reef fish recovery and protection at Espiritu Santo National Park and the Bay of La Paz deserve your support in 2020.

- Support (supply side) **ROC** to keep night and day citizen driven vigilance in Espiritu Santo National Park and the Bay of La Paz
- Support (demand side) **Espiritu Santo es parte de ti** to keep spreading the word about the economic importance of Espiritu Santo National Park and to take action by not consuming reef critical parrotfish.

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