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After all the success in 2019, we face new challenges in 2020



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Formed in 1993, [SeaWatch](#) is confronting the rapidly declining fish populations in the Sea of Cortez.

In 2009, SeaWatch petitioned for changes in federal fishing laws and launched Red de Observadores Ciudadanos (ROC), a citizen-driven non-profit organization whose mission is to stop illegal fishing in Espiritu Santo National Park and monitor illegal activities in the Bay of La Paz.

And in 2016, SeaWatch launched the grassroots campaign "Espiritu Santo es parte de ti" (*Espiritu Santo is part of you*) to build public pride and advocacy for Espiritu Santo National Park near La Paz.

In 2018, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature recognized Espiritu Santo as one of the best managed protected areas in Mexico, the first ever such award in Mexico.

In late 2019, the Federal government dramatically downsized CONAPESCA.

Due to corruption and budget reductions, Mexico's new government has decided to reduce the number of Federal fish and Game inspectors (CONAPESCA) in Baja California Sur from 16 to 1. That's over 90%

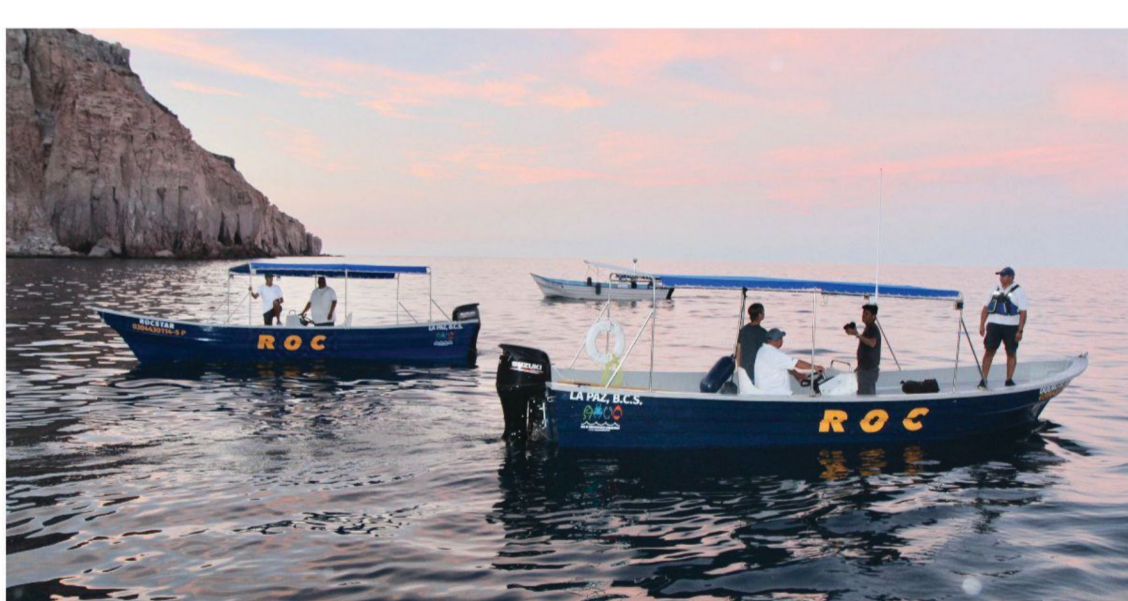
Plus ROC's success at Espiritu Santo in stopping illegal fishing has driven the illegal fishermen south towards Bahia Los Sueños and Cabo Pulmo National Park.

This makes ROC's citizen driven vigilance more important than ever!



ROC will expand its vigilance to cover 58 miles of coastline between Espiritu Santo and Cabo Pulmo National Parks.

In response to the lack of government inspectors and movement of illegal fishermen, ROC will redouble its efforts with **two new 28 foot patrol boats** with a new base of operation in Bahia Los Suenos. Click here to watch [ROC VIDEO](#).



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Espiritu Santo es parte de ti is seeking federal protection for parrotfish.

In addition to expanding the market awareness of not selling/buying/eating parrotfish, the campaign will focus its efforts with our new coalition to secure legal protection for parrotfish to give this critical reef fish federal protection by law.

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Your donations to SeaWatch go directly to support the Espiritu Santo es parte de ti campaign and the successful vigilance efforts of Red de Observadores Ciudadanos (ROC).

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