



## 2020, the year that the sea got a rest from tourism but not from illegal fishing.



*With 90% of the BCS Federal Fisheries inspectors gone for all of 2020 ROC's expanded vigilance is more important than ever.*

SeaWatch has spent the last 27 years promoting reef and reef fish recovery in the Sea of Cortez. In the last 10 years, **ROC** (Red de Observadores Ciudadanos), a citizen driven vigilance program and **Espiritu Santo es Parte de Ti**, a communication campaign prompting pride and good practices in the Espiritu Santo National Park, have become our two signature programs. In 2019, that work culminated in Espiritu Santo National Park being named one of the best managed and protected parks in the world by the ICUN.

In 2019 commitments were made to dramatically increase vigilance patrols protecting an addition 58 miles of coastline between Cabo Pulmo and Espiritu Santo National Park. The results of that work as well as the continuing campaign to stop the public consumption of reef critical fish like parrotfish are shown below.

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## Progress made during 2020

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*New Billboard Campaign, which made national news, reaches a new demographic as 1500 cars pass our signs*

*daily.*

Coronavirus made us try new ways of communicating, keeping a safe distance. We launched our first two billboards to reduce consumption of parrotfish. We used Zoom to reach 300 students, and to have meetings and a forum with scientists, NGOs and environmental lawyers with whom we partner to make parrotfish protected by law.

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*December 9th - It's still happening continually around La Paz. With only 2 Federal Fisheries Inspectors left out*

*of 16 a year ago - ROC working with those remaining inspectors is more critical than ever.*

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## Good things that happened

1. A 8 year old marine protected area near Isla San Diego flourishes ([click here to see the video](#)). Niparaja a La Paz NGO working with local fishermen developed several small Marine Protected Areas North of La Paz, including this one.
  2. Fish populations continue to increase at Cabo Pulmo. See the latest update from SeaWatch underwater photographer Leo Gonzalez. ([Click here to see the video](#)).
  3. How Muertos Bay looks 11 years later. This will give you an idea of what an unprotected reef looks like 11 years after it was first filmed ([Click to see video here](#)).
  4. SeaWatch is in the early-stage collaboration with LegacyWorks Group's East Cape Initiative to expand Marine Protected Areas. ([click here to see video](#)).
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**We need your help to continue the reef and reef fish recovery at Espiritu Santo National Park.**

Support (supply side) ROC to keep night and day citizen driven

vigilance in Espiritu Santo National Park.

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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