Mangrove Forest Ecosystem In Monterrico Natural Reserve Santa Rosa, Guatemala







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The marine coast zone it is define as the geographic space between the ocean and earth and the interconnections with the ecosystems that exist in such space. Guatemala has 403 km of line coast 255 in the Pacific, which correspond to the Chiapas-Nicaragua province, because of its biogeography characteristic and oceanography, and 148 in the Atlantic littoral. The estuary covers approximately 140 miles, where 4,000 hectares correspond to mangrove forest, mainly concentrated between Ocós and Champerico at west, and Las Lisas at east.

The Chiquimulilla channel is 140 km wide, and it is located in Santa Rosa, Guatemala. (Perfil Ambiental de Guatemala. 2000) The Chiquimulilla Channel represents an Ecosystem of great importance for the surrounding communities (Monterrico, El Pumpo, La Curvina, La Avellana, Agua Dulce, El Cebollito, and Las Quechas) and for the entire republic, because it is a source of food, tourism, wood, medicinal plants, transportation, etc.

PROTECTED AREA

In 1977 the Monterrico area, was declared protected area, under the Multiple Use Natural Reserve category by the (Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas –CONAP-) through a legislative agreement published in 1978 by El Diario de Centro América (CONAP Online 2008) It is administrated by the Conservationist Studies Center (Centro de Estudios Conservacionistas (CECON)). The reserve includes the estuary zone, where the mangrove forest prevails, associated with another plants described below. Also the reserve includes rivers and lagoons that constantly change the water salinity.



Fig. 1 Guatemalan pacific lands map, showing the Monterrico Natural reserve pointed in yellow.

Source: Google earth





Fig. 2.Satelital view of the Chiquimulilla Channel, Monterrico, Sta. Rosa, Guatemala, showing the enter of sea water and the river system. Source: google earth.com



The principal purpose of the reserve is to protect the wild diversity of flora and fauna from deforestation, water contamination, excessive hunting, mainly of wild reptiles such as *Crocodilus fuscus* (Caimán), *Iguana iguana* (Iguana verde) valuated for its meet and leather, *Dermochelys coriacea* (Baule), *Lepidochelys olivaceae* (Parlama blanca) and Chelonia *sp.* (Parlama negra) valuated for it's edible eggs.



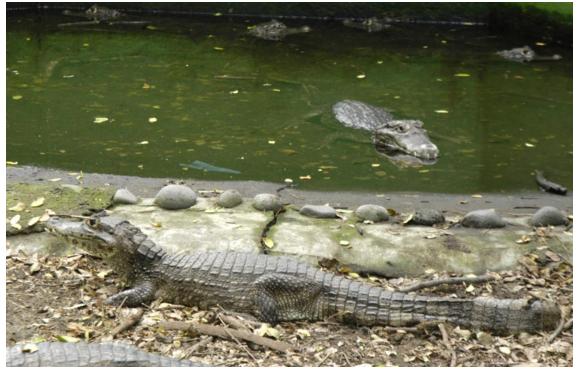


Fig. 3. Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*) and Caiman (*Crocodilus fuscus*) at Centro de Estudios Conservacionistas CECON-USAC Monterrico Sta. Rosa. Photo by: Nicholas Hellmuth. FLAAR photo archive. Guatemala 2008.





Their habitat are been destroyed by humans, this produces interference between the biological live cycles reducing the probabilities of reproduction success, hence its extinction.

All the specimens mentioned above are included in the red list of endangered fauna under category III, which means that the trade is subject to regulation within its jurisdiction to prevent or restrict exploitation, and they need the cooperation of other parties for the effective control, (Red list CONAP –UICN 2001.)

Today CECON-CONAP has a reproduction programs for the reintroduction of these animals to their natural habitat. This program attracts a lot of tourists from all over the world that want to be in contact with nature, especially in August when the turtles arrive to the beach to lay their eggs. Some people sell the collected eggs to CECON where are incubated from approximately 48 to 60 days depending on the temperature, to be subsequently released to the sea, but many more are consummated as a subsistence media.

Talking with Don Alfredo, one of our guides, he said that these programs help to educate the entire village of Monterrico, to preserve their natural resources and contributes with the tourist development of the community.

The guides receive training in environmental education training as part of their job, and at the same time they educated their own families and visitors.

The nature reserve offers the birdwatcher tours, being more than 110 species represented between migratory and local (CECON online 2001).

Siguenza de Micheo (2006/2007) report a duck abundance of 4, 476 sightings during January to March of Cinnamon tea (*Anas cyanoptera*) blue-winged teal (*Anas discors*), black-bellied whistling-duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) and **f**ulvous whistling duck



Fig. 4 CECON-Monterrico information center.





(Dendrocygna bicolor) in the lagoons near to the reserve.

Eisermann, in Jones 2000:5b cited in Eisermann 2006, report the american white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*, also the snowy egret (*Egretta thula*), the green heron, (*Butorides virescens*) and wood stork (*Mycteria americana*).

A small mammal's diversity of the following families has been reported: opossum (Didelphidae), collared anteater (Myrmecophagidae), nine-banded armadillo (Dasypodidae), squirrel (Sciuridae), hairy porcupine (Erethizontidae), etc. (Siguenza de Micheo RR., Ruiz Ordoñez J.A.. 1999).

During the winter the amount of fish in the channel decreases as increases the water level, because these fish can migrate to the rivers or lagoons connected to the channel.

26 species has been reported by and Hernandez (2001), cited by Quintana (2007) such bagre (*Arius sp*) mojarra (*Cichlasoma sp*), róbalo (*Centropomus*), pululo (*Dorminator sp*) liseta (*Mugil*) Also Qintana (2007) reported: *Lile gracilis, Astyanas aeneus, Cathorops sp, Ramdia parryi, Gobionellus microdon, Poecilia butleri, Amphilopus macracanthus, Parachromis managuense, Oreochromis aureus, Eleotris pictus, and Gobiomorus maculatus.*



Fig. 5. Dr. Nicholas Hellmuth photographing mangrove forest. Photo by Jaime Leonardo. FLAAR photo archive.



The floristic composition is based on trees, vines, aquatic grasses and epiphytes.

The genera: Acacia, Crescentia, Bursera, Gliricidia, Enterolobium and Coccoloba represent the ground native vegetation.





Fig. 6 Fruit of Crescentia sp

Fig. 7 Bursera tree, or palo jiote.

The channel native vegetation it's being determinate by tree species of mangrove: red, white and black mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*, *Laguncularia racemosa*, and *Avicennia germinans*) plus botoncillo (*Conocarpus erectus*), guachimol (*Pithecolombium sp.*), reported by Gomez Cruz (1980) in association with *Pachira*, *Thypa*, *Eichornia*, *Pistia*, *Nimphaea* (CONAP-CECON 2008 online) *Luffa*, *Neptunia*, *Lentibularia*, and others. (Specimens determinated by Mario Véliz, Herbarium BIGU curator. USAC, 2008 collected by M. Cano)



Fig. 8. Phithecolombium sp. Guachimol tree



Fig. 9. White mangrove Laguncunaria racemosa



The aquatic vegetation depends on a seasonal climate cycle that starts in June with the initialization of the rainy days, when Maria Linda, Rio Hondo, Coyolate and other small rivers that feed the channel starts to grow, as the flow becomes stronger than the flow of water produced by the falling tide.

Therefore the channel is filled with freshwaters, although there is a constant crash of flows, the flow from the river reduces the salinity levels in the channel.

This two-inlet system allows the growth of aquatic plants with low salinity tolerance: for example nape or balona (*Nymphaea ampla*), nympha (*Eichornia crassipes*), tul (*Thypha sp*), Lechuguilla (*Pistia stratoides*), pashte (*Luffa sp*.) dormilón, (*Neptunia sp*.) cola de yegua, (*Lentibularia sp*.) balonilla, (*Nimpha sp*) etc. (Pers. Observation)



Fig. 10. Eichhornia flower, at the right red mangrove Rizophora mangle (Red mangrove). Dowm. Don Carlos holding a

Thypha plant. Photos by Mirtha Cano. FLAAR photo archive.



From June to November the aquatic vegetation provides refuge and food for several animals. The flower of *Nymphaea* and *Eichornia* attract a lot of insects that constitute food for fish, amphibious, reptiles and birds. The big extension of Thypha called "tulares or reeds" provides refuge to alligators and is the turtle's main source of food, according with the guides, the turtles used to rummage around the base of the plant looking for tuber roots rich in starch. Also many birds build their nest in the reeds such *Jacana spinosa*. The people use *Thypha* leaves to make hats, baskets, mats, etc.



Fig. 11. *Jacana spinosa* walking on floating leaves of *Nymphaea*, showing its spur on the bend of the wing as an aggressive sign to protect the nest from predators, flapping their wings accompanied by noisy calls. Photo by Jaime Leonardo. FLAAR photo archive

The Monterrico Natural Reserve supplies medicine to the local people as well; due to lack of economic resources, many of these people rely on natural sources.

The pashte vines (*Luffa* sp) grown over the mangrove, its fruit are called pashte or sponge (Fig.12), the local people used a seed infusion of this vine as nasal decongestant; one or two drops of this infusion is enough to relieve symptoms.(Com. Pers. Alfredo Avila, member of the Guatemalan Guard Resources Association. August 2008).

The four- eyed fish soup (*Anableps sp*) it is used to stimulated the production of milk in mothers with hipogalactia (lack of maternal milk), it is known that this kind of fish doesn't have a great flavor but is very good to medicinal purposes.

At the end of December the flow of the sea that enter to the channel becomes stronger than the freshwater flow, because the rainy season ends, changing drastically the water salinity, therefore all the vegetation that prevailed during winter dies, leaving only the mangrove forest.

The mangrove forest is important because is considered a living system of windbreaks because of their root system that are strongly ankle to the ground, this system protect the channel from storms (Fig. 13).







Fig. 12. Jacana spinosa baby about three days born. Photo by Jaime Leonardo FLAAR photo archive.





Fig. 13. Pashte vines . Luffa sp. The fruit is used as a moisturized sponge



Fig. 14. Red mangrove root system. Photo by Jaime Leonardo. FLAAR photo Archive



As is already known, the Ancient Mayans inhabited since the Yucatan peninsula (Mexico) throughout Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. The Guatemalan territory occupied by the Maya it is divided into three categories: upland, lowland and coastal Pacific. This last one was characterized for its great agricultural development on cacao cultivars (J. Bermmann 1969) and for the complex society interactions; it was a trade route between the gulf and Mexican highlands with Central America (Love 2005).

The archaeological vestiges on these lands are dated from the pre-classic period, it is worth to mention the Abaj Takalik site, in Retalhuleu department, where many archeologists are working with different sculpture manifestation that are still been studied (Orrego Corzo, 1991). Furthermore "La Blanca" located in Quetzaltenango just 10 kms from the sea was one of the biggest settlements during the pre-classic period in Mesoamerica (Love 2005).

According with the historical description of Monterrico Master Plan, the wetlands, mangrove forest, channels and lagoons, of Monterrico natural reserve, where inhabited by a Xinca settlement called "Atiquipaque" from the post-classic period, which lies in the farm known as "Santa Anita El Jobo" Taxisco, moreover it is known an Archaeological site inside the reserve called "El Pumpo" located at the same village with the same name, where zoological structures has been found in concordance with other sites near to the place. Separately there are sites called "Concheros", that are monticules made of crushed shells pertaining to an early period. (IDAEH) cited by Siguenza de Micheo and J. Ruiz 1999).

Different economic activities take place in different localities; the people of Agua Dulce village are dedicated to the salt production and fishing. In El Pumpo, Monterrico, La Avellana and La Curvina maize is cultivated with other products like pashte, sesame, watermelon (in some places), also there is a strong demand on Parlama turtle eggs, fishing, tourism, and mangrove extractions.



Fig. 15 Boats in the shore of the Chiquimulilla channel. FLAAR photo archive.



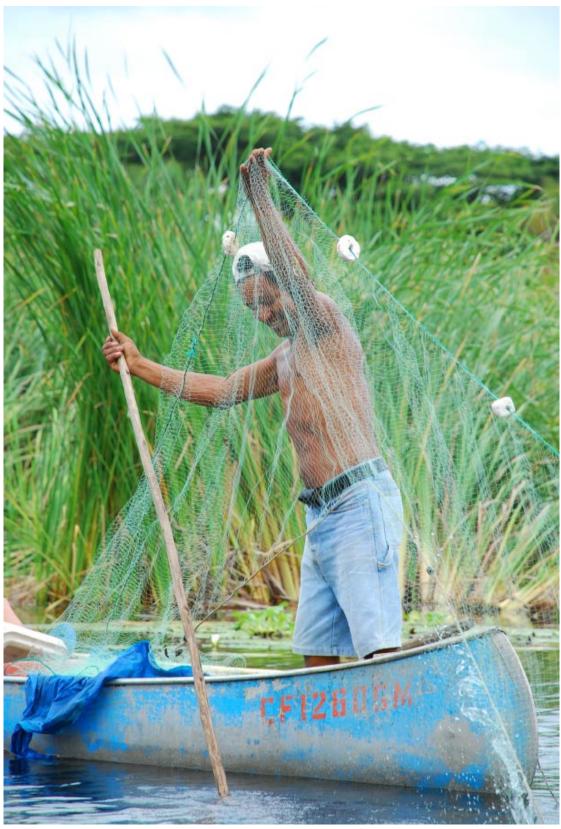


Fig. 16 Fisherman of the Monterrico village. Photo by Jaime Leonardo. FLAAR photo archive.

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Familia Podicipedidae Tachybaptus dominicus

Podilymbus p. podiceps

Zambullidor Menor Zambullidor Piquipinto

Familia Procellariidae **Puffinus** opisthomelas

Pardela Mexicana

Familia Hydrobatidae

Oceanodroma microsoma

Paíño Mínimo

Familia Sulidae Sula dactylatra **Sula** leucogaster

Bobo Enmascarado Bobo Vientre-blanco

Familia Pelecanidae

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos Pelecanus occidentalis

Pelícano Blanco Americano Pelicano Café

Familia Phalacrocoracidae

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

Cormorán Neotropical

Familia Anhingidae

Anhinga anhinga leucogaster

Anhinga Americana

Familia Fregatidae

Fregata magnificens

Fragata Magnifica

Familia Ardeidae

Ixobrychus exilis Tigrisoma mexicanum Ardea h. herodias Egretta alba egretta Egretta thula **Egr**etta caerulea Egretta tricolor **Egretta** rufescens Bubulcus i. ibis **Butorides** virescens Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli Nycticorax violaceus

Garza-tigre Gorjinuda Garzón Čenizo Garza Grande Garza Nívea Garza Azul Garza Tricolor Garza Rojiza Garza Ganadera

Avetorito Americano

Garza Verde

Garza-nocturna Coroninegra Garza-nocturna Coroniclara

Garza Cucharón

Familia Threskiornithidae

Cochlearius cochlearius

Eudocimus albus **Plat**alea ajaja

Ibis Blanco Espátula Rosada

Familia Ciconiidae Mycteria americana

Cigüeña Americana



Familia Anatidae

Dendrocygna bicolor Dendrocygna a. autumnalis Cairina moschata Anas discors

Pijije Canelo Pijije Aliblanco Pato Real Cerceta Aliazul

Familia Cathartidae

Coragyps atratus Cathartes aura Cathartes b. burrovianus

Zopilote Negro Aura Cabecirroja Aura Sabanera

Familia Accipitridae

Pandion haliaetus Elanus leucurus majusculus Rostrhamus sociabilis Ictinea plumbea Accipiter striatus Buteogallus anthracinus Buteogallus urubitinga Buteo magnirostris Buteo a. albonotatus

Gavilán Pescador Milano Coliblanco Milano Caracolero Milano Plomizo Gavilán Pajarero Aguililla Négra Menor Aguililla Negra Mayor Aguililla Caminera Aguililla Aura

Familia Falconidae

Caracara plancus Herpethoteres cachinnans Falco sparverius Falco peregrinus

Caracara Común Halcón Guaco Cernícalo Americano Halcón Peregrino

Familia Cracidae Ortalis leucogastra

Chachalaca Vientre-blanco

Familia Rallidae

Laterallus ruber Aramides cajanea Porphyrula martinica Gallinula chloropus cachinnans Fulica a. americana

Polluela Rojiza Rascón Cuelligris Gallineta Morada Gallineta Común Gallareta Americana

Familia Heliornithidae

Heliornis fulica

Pájaro-cantil

Familia Aramidae

Aramus guarauna dolosus

Carao

Familia Burbinidae Burhinus bisoistriatus

Alcaraván Americano

Familia Charadriidae

Pluvialis squatarola Charadrius semipalmatus Charadrius v. vociferus

Chorlo Gris Chorlito Semipalmado

Chorlito Tildio

Familia Haematopodidae Haematopus palliatus

Ostrero Americano

Familia Recurvirostridae Himantopus m. mexicanus

Candelero Americano



Familia Jacanidae Jacana s. spinosa

Familia Scolopacidae Tringa melanoleuca

Catoptrophorus semipalmatus
Actitis macularia
Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus
Numenius americanus
Arenaria interpres
Calidris alba
Limnodromus scolopoceus
Gallinago gallinago delicata

Familia Laridae

Larus atricilla
Larus pipixcan
Sterna nilotica
Sterna caspia
Sterna m. maxima
Sterna antillarum
Chlidonias niger surinamensis
Rynchops n. niger

Familia Columbidae

Columba livia spp Columba flavirostris Zenaida asiatica Zenaida macroura Columbina inca Columbina minuta interrupta Columbina talpacoti Leptotila verreauxi

Familia Psittacidae

Aratinga holochlora Aratinga canicularis Brotogeris j. jugularis Amazona autumnalis Amazona auropalliata

Familia Cuculidae

Piaya cayana Crotophaga sulcirostris

Familia Strigidae

Glaucidium brasilianum Asio clamator

Familia Caprimulgidae Chordeiles acutipennis Nyctidromus albicollis

Familia Apodidae Streptoprocne zonaris Jacana Mesoamericana

Patamarilla Mayor Playero Pihuihui Playerito Alzacolita Zarapito Trinador Zarapito Piquilargo Vuelvepiedras Rojizo Playero Blanco Costurero Piquilargo Agachona Común

Gaviota Reidora
Gaviota de Franklin
Golondrina-marina Piquigruesa
Golondrina-marina Cáspica
Golondrina-marina Real
Golondrina-marina Mínima
Golondrina-marina Negra
Rayador Americano

Paloma Doméstica Paloma Morada Paloma Aliblanca Paloma Huilota Tórtola Colilarga Tórtola Pechilisa Tórtola Rojiza Paloma Arroyera

Perico Verde Mexicano Perico Frentinaranja Periquito Barbinaranja Loro Cachete-amarillo Loro Nuquiamarillo

Cuco Ardilla Garrapatero Pijuy

Tecolotito Común Búho-cornado Cariblanco

Chotacabras Menor Tapacaminos Picuyo

Vencejo Cuelliblanco



Familia Trochilidae

Chlorostilbon canivetti Amazilia rutila

Esmeralda de Canivet Colibrí Canelo

Familia Alcedinidae

Ceryle t. torquata
Ceryle alcyon
Chloroceryle amazona mexicana
Chloroceryle americana

Chloroceryle amazona mexicana Martín-pescado Chloroceryle americana Martín-pescado Chloroceryle aenea stictoptera Martín-pescado

Martín-pescador Collarejo Martín-pescador Norteño Martín-pescador Amazona Martín-pescador Verde Martín-pescador Enano

Familia Picidae

Centurus aurifrons Veniliornis fumigatus Celeus castaneus Dryocopus lineatus Carpintero Frentidorado Carpintero Café Carpintero Castaño Carpintero Lineado

Familia Dendrocolaptidae Lepidocolaptes souleyetti

Trepatroncos Corona-rayada

Familia Formicariidae Thamnophilus doliatus

Batará Barrado

mannopintas dottat

Familia Tyrannidae
Camptostoma imberbe
Contopus cinereus
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes luteiventris
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus forficatus

Mosquerito Lampiño Norteño Pibí Tropical Luis Grande Luis Piquigrueso Luis Gregario Papamoscas Vientre-amarillo Tirano Tropical Tirano Occidental Tirano-tijereta Rosado

Familia Cotingidae Pachyramphus major Pachyramphus aglaiae

Cabezón Cuelligris Cabezón Degollado

Familia Hirundinidae Tachycineta a. albilinea Stelgidopteryx serripennis Riparia r. riparia Hirundo pyrrhonota Hirundo rustica erythrogaster

Golondrina Manglera Golondrina-aliserrada Norteña Golondrina Ribereña Golondrina Risquera Golondrina Ranchera

Familia Corvidae Calocitta formosa

Urraca-hermosa Cariblanca

Familia Troglodytidae Campylorhynchus rufinucha Thryothorus pleurostictus

Matraca Nuquirrufa Saltapared Vientre-barrado

Familia Turdidae Turdus plebejus Turdus grayi

Zorzal Serrano Zorzal Pardo



Familia Mimidae Mimus gibrus

Familia Vireonidae Vireo pallens

Subfamilia Parulinae
Parula americana
Dendroica petechia
Dendroica magnolia
Mniotilta varia
Setophaga ruticilla
Protonaria citrea
Seiurus aurocapillus
Seiurus moveboracensis
Seiurus motacilla
Wilsonia canadensis

Subfamilia Thraupinae Euphonia affinis Piranga rubra

Subfamilia Cardinalinae Saltator coerulescens Pheucticus ludovicianus Passerina caerulea Passerina ciris

Subfamilia Emberizinae Volatinia jacarina spendens Sporophila aurita corvina Sporophila torqueola Sporophila minuta parva Aimophila ruficauda

Familia Icteridae
Agelaius phoeniceus
Quiscalus mexicanus
Molothrus aeneus
Icterus spurius
Icterus chrysater
Icterus pectoralis
Icterus gularis
Icterus galbula

Familia Passeridae Passer d. domesticus Cenzontle Sureño

Vireo Manglero

Parula Norteña
Chipe Amarillo
Chipe de Magnolia
Chipe Trepador
Pavito Migratorio
Chipe Protonotario
Chipe-suelero Coronado
Chipe-suelero Charquero
Chipe-suelero Arroyero
Chipe Collarejo

Eufonia Gorjinegra Tangara Roja

Saltador Grisáceo Picogrueso Pechirrosado Picogrueso Azul Colorín Sietecolores

Semillero Brincador Semillero Variable Semillero Collarejo Semillero Pechicanelo Zacatonero Cabecirrayada

Tordo Sargento
Zanate Mayor
Vaquero Ojirrojo
Bolsero Castaño
Bolsero Dorsidorado
Bolsero Pechimanchado
Bolsero de Altamira
Bolsero de Baltimore

Gorrión Doméstico



Monterrico Fauna List

	Reptiles		Mammals	
Scientific name	Common Name	Scientific name	Common Name	Scientific name
Anableps dowi	Parlama blanca	Lepidochelis oliva- ceae	Tacuazin blanco	Didelphis marsu- pialis
Arius semani	Parlama verde	Chelonia sp.	Tacuazin negro	D. Virginiana
Arius guatemalen- sis	Baule o laud	Dermochelys coriaceae	Tacuazin Ratón	Philander opos- sum
Caranx hippos	Casquito o Gala- pago	Kinosternon cru- entatum	Oso colmenero	Tamandúa mexi- cana
Centromopus ro- balito	Chamarro o tres quillas	Staurotypus sal- vinii	Armado	Dasypus novem- cinctus
Centromopus sp.	Tortuga dde agua dulce	Trachemys scripta	Ardilla	Sciurus deppei
Ciclasoma mac- rancatum	Sabanera	Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima	Puerco espín	Coendou mexi- canus
Ciclasoma ma- naguense	Caiman o chato	Crocodilus fuscus	Tepescuintle	Auguti paca
Ciclasoma trimac- ulatum	Iguana verde	Iguana iguana	Conejo o liebre	Sylvilagus sp.
Orecchromis sp.	Iguana negra	Ctenosaura similis	Gato de monte	Urocyon cinere- oargenteus
Astianax fasciatus	Cutete	Basiliscus vittatus	Mapache	Procyon lotor
Anchoa lucida	Geko		Pizote	Nasua narica
Eleotris picta	Chichicúa	Spilotes pullatus	Comadreja	Mustela frenata
Gobienellus spp.	Sabanera	Conophid lineatus	Tejon	Galictis vittata
Dormitator lati- frons	Bejuquillo	Oxybelis aeneus	Perico ligero	Eira barbara
Gobiomorus mac- ulatus	Falso coral	Lampropeltis tri- angulum	Zorrillo	Mephitis macrou- ra
Atracosteus tropi- cus	Cascabel	Crotalus durissus	Perro de agua	Lutra longicaudis
Lutjanus sp.	Vívora castellana	Porthidium oph- ryomegas	Onza o gato de monte	Herpailurus yagoarondi
Mugil cephalus	Mazacuata	Boa constrictor	Venado	Odocoileus virgin- ianus
Mugil curema	Zapatilla de mar	Pelamis platurus	Delfin	Stenella longiro- stris
Ramdia guate- malensis	Coral	Micrurus sp.		
Poecilia sphenops				
Achirus mazat- lanus				
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