



STOP THE DREDGING OF LA PAZ BAY!

We are facing an unprecedented threat to the survival of one of the treasures of the Sea of Cortez, La Paz Bay. A massive dredging operation is dramatically disrupting life in the Ensenada de La Paz (the inner harbor and anchorage). This is harming dolphins, sea lions, and the entire food chain in the bay. The dredging is being carried out by the Mexican Navy, operating in violation of Mexican law without having conducted environmental impact studies and without regard for fragile habitat affected by the toxic dredge plume and the dumping. The operation is dredging the bottom 3 meters deeper, and dumping more than 300,000 cubic meters of sediment -- including sediments contaminated with heavy metals -- into the waters at the mouth of the Bay of La Paz. These contaminated sediments are being dispersed in the water, poisoning the entire food chain, from plankton and krill to shellfish, fish, and eventually large animals like dolphins, whales, and sharks. It is potentially the largest environmental disaster in La Paz history, and it is happening right now. The scientists of the Baja Dolphin Project and our parent nonprofit AICMMARH have joined many local community leaders in fighting to stop this illegal dredging operation. This grass-roots effort of Mexican citizens and scientists managed to briefly pause the dredging, and have even been featured in national TV news and newspapers -- but in response, the Navy is dredging even faster before it is forced to stop. As of May 20, 2018, dredging is now a 24-hour-a-day operation in the Bay of La Paz! Sources in the Mexican government have privately reported that the dredging is meant to open a path for megayachts and a government plan to bring cruise ships right into the La Paz harbor and anchorage. Please help us protect La Paz Bay! **DONATE:** Your donation goes to a coalition of local nonprofits that are fighting to protect La Paz Bay. They are desperately short on resources. Your donation helps pay our environmental lawyers and research scientists fighting to stop this environmental disaster. **EMAIL THE GOVERNMENT:** The government of Mexico needs to hear that tourists who love Mexico do NOT want to see another Cabo San Lucas in peaceful La Paz. We love La Paz

for its natural beauty and healthy environment. Please let them know what you think!
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TELL A FRIEND: Please share this page with anyone you know who loves Mexico. We need all the support we can get from everyone who has enjoyed the peace and natural beauty of the La Paz Bay. Please donate (even a small amount) right now. We are so grateful for your help.
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