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### yo. Introduction

In the north of Peru, in the regions of Tumbes and Piura, several pre-Hispanic cultures developed that used sailing vessels for fishing and maritime trade with the coasts of Ecuador and even Panama according to some historians.

Upon the arrival of the Spanish to Peru, in the mid-16th century, the first encounter with Pizarro's Expedition was at sea with a sailing raft that transported goods to and from Tumbes to Guayaquil. Subsequently, many records of travelers during the 17th and 18th centuries left descriptions and drawings of sailing rafts, recounting the skill of the rafters in the use of sail and handling these boats built from balsa wood (Fig 1).



Grabado del asalto de la flota de Joris Van Spilbergen al puerto de Payta, ocurrido en agosto de 1615. Note en la parte inferior las dos balsas de palo, típicas de la costa norte.

Fig 1. Engraving of fishermen's raft, 1615

This tradition of using the raft and sail on the northern coast of Peru has been maintained over time, transmitted to the rafters and fishermen of this region of Peru.

from generation to generation. The large rafts that carried out trade between northern Peru and Ecuador (mainly between Pimentel, Tumbes and Guayaquil) continued to operate until the middle of the 20th century. There are a few photographic records of these large sailing vessels, loaded with goods and operated by rafters of great skill in the use of sailing and navigation (Fig 2). These large rafts that traded between northern Peru and Guayaquil stopped operating around 1941, when the border conflict between Peru and Ecuador prevented them from continuing with this trade.

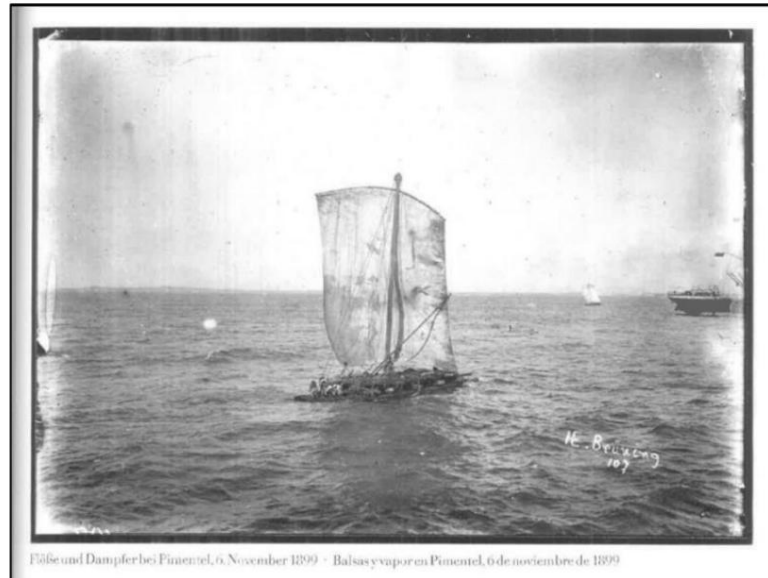


Fig 2. Photograph from the Brunning Book, Pimentel 1899

Although large sailing rafts disappeared from the Peruvian sea scene, artisanal fishermen's rafts continue to be used to this day in many of the coves in the north of the country such as Cancas, Máncora, Los Organos, Lobitos, Paita, Yacila, La isllilla, Tortuga, Bahía Sechura, and other coves. These are boats with 4 to 6 balsa wood masts, propelled by cotton sails, thick canvas or other synthetic materials, with a single mast and an oar that also serves as a rudder (Fig 3).



Fig. 3 Current artisanal fishing rafts

In the case of artisanal sailing fishing vessels, these changed over time at the beginning of the 20th century, to wooden boats but maintaining the mast and sail as a propulsion element, taking advantage of the strong and persistent winds of the area between Talara and the Ñuro mainly. In this process, the coves of Cabo Blanco and Ñuro were those where the first fishermen from Sechura settled, in part due to the beginning of oil activities in that area.

zone.

The current artisanal sailing fishing boats in the coves of Cabo Blanco and Ñuro are therefore an evolution of the tradition of sailing and fishing under sail from the original sailing rafts, but adapted to the best wind conditions in this area. , which allows them greater autonomy and access to other resources such as tuna (Fig 4).



Fig 4. Cabo Blanco artisanal fishing sailing boat and tuna catch.

## **II. History of the populations of the coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro**

The artisanal fishermen of Cabo Blanco, El Ñuro and other surrounding coves of the Piura region are direct descendants of the Tallanes, a culture that extended from the southern coast of Ecuador to Sechura and mainly occupied the area between the valleys of the Piura and the Chira. The Tallanes were great fishermen and sailors who fished and traded on sailing rafts since pre-Hispanic times (Fig. 5).

The Tallanes were excellent navigators, considered the best in Peru, and also outstanding merchants. According to the 15th century chronicles of the time (1532), a raft of Tallan origin was found in the South of Panama by the Spanish Bartolomé Ruiz, while he was exploring the Pacific Ocean, on the orders of Francisco Pizarro.



Fig. 5: The Tallanes Indians of the Piura and Chira valleys

The historian María Rostworowski, in her studies on Indigenous Navigation and Cabotage until the 19th century, mentions that the chronicler Gutierrez de Santa Clara (1522-1603) relates that “from Tumbes to Paita these Indians used stick rafts, equipped with lateen or triangular sails, and with them they traveled more than four leagues (22 kilometers). According to these stories, the Tallanes built these boats from balsa wood sticks from the Gulf of Guayaquil in present-day Ecuador, and used them for fishing and maritime trade (Fig 6).

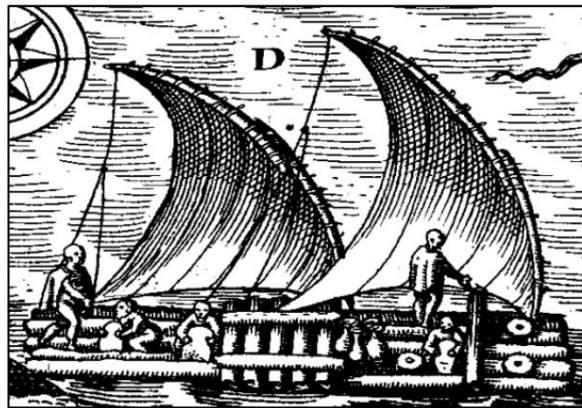


Fig. 6 Stick rafts for fishing and commerce

The interesting thing is that this ancestral tradition of using and knowing the wind on these rafts is maintained to this day in many coves from Sechura to Tumbes, including the Cabo Blanco cove.

Cabo Blanco was founded in 1916 by a group of fishermen probably descendants of the Tallanes, coming from Sechura Bay. According to stories from the area, the founder of Cabo Blanco was Don Vicente Tume Chunga, who along with 4 other fishermen with the last names Chapilliquen, Querevalú, Pingo and Panta, located this quiet cove and settled with their families to stay. One hundred years later,

His heirs are still there, with the same surnames and the same traditions, fishing exclusively by sail, as their ancestors did.

In Cabo Blanco the 2 most important marine currents of our coastline converge, the Peruvian or Humboldt current, of cold waters that circulates from south to north, and the Equatorial current of warm waters that comes from the north, which generates an area called the front. thermal, a mixture of waters with great marine productivity, and a large seasonal influx of tuna, groupers, barracudas, marlin, swordfish and other species (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7 Current System off Cabo Blanco

Another peculiarity of this area of Cabo Blanco and the Ñuro, which has allowed sailing and fishing by sail for many centuries, is the presence of a persistent wind system that fishermen take advantage of to go fishing. In the mornings they leave with the wind they call "el terral" moving away from the coast and in the afternoon they take advantage of "la virazón", the wind that returns them to the coast

These sailing and fishing skills represent, in addition to an ancestral tradition, a sustainable fishing activity because it is selective. For this reason, it has been a great success of the Ministry of Culture to have recognized these communities as Cultural Heritage of the Nation. Now it is necessary that the Ministry of Production also recognizes these vessels within its legal framework, as a special category of traditional artisanal fishing vessels in the country, the oldest in our country.

### III. The Traditional Sailboat Regattas

The artisanal fishermen of Peru celebrate Fisherman's Day annually, in the date of its patron Saint Peter, June 29. In different coves on the Peruvian coast, this festivity is celebrated with religious rites (masses, procession, etc.) and commonly with the boarding of the figure of Saint Peter on a boat to take it as a procession at sea through the cove or place. where the fishing community is based.



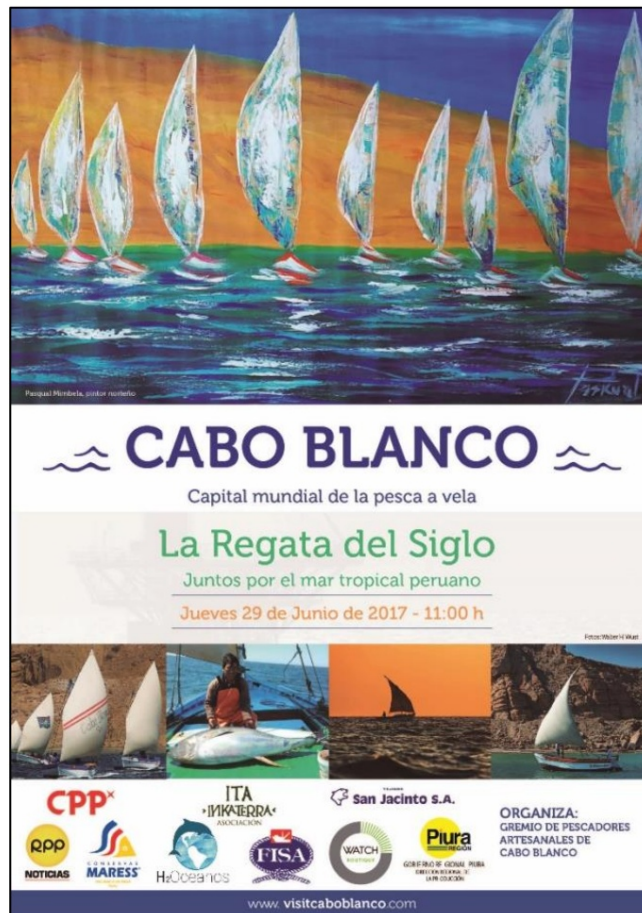
In the case of Cabo Blanco, for several years now, this celebration has included, in addition to the procession at sea, a regatta or competition for sailing boats, to demonstrate their skills in navigation and the use of sail. In 2016, on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the creation of the Cabo Blanco cove, a group of fishermen, supported by businessmen and promoters of this activity, organized the so-called "Regatta of the Century". Based on its traditional activity, a larger event was organized, with invited boats from other nearby coves, with prizes for the winners and with the support of materials such as candles, paint and other fishing accessories. The event was a great success as it brought together a large part of the population, and allowed this traditional and picturesque activity to be spread (Fig 8).



Fig. 8. The Great Regatta of the Century (2016)

Later in 2017, the Great Regatta of the Century continued to be held, which included the participation of sailboats from the surrounding coves, El Ñuro, Los Organos, Lobitos, and Talara, but this time with the support of the Ministries of Tourism, PromPerú, Produce, the United Nations Program, the RPP Group, and various private sector companies and NGOs. The regatta has since been co-organized with H2Océanos. On this occasion it was the first time that PROMPERU participated, documented the festivity and from that day on it was included in the Peruvian tourism calendar and promoted by different tourism promotion channels such as "Y Tú que plans".

Photo Gallery of the activities of the sailboats in the regattas:









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## Documentaries

In view of the evolution of sailing regatta activities, H2Océanos considered it important to develop a documentary about the traditions of these communities, about the importance and urgency of conserving the Peruvian tropical sea and promoting responsible tourism. To this end, he invited the Albatros Media Foundation to lead the development of a documentary that was later broadcast nationally by TV Perú and whose reach was also at the regional level in Latin America. The documentary titled

[Guardians of the Tropical Sea](#) It was produced in 2017 and broadcast nationally in 2018, with the support of the company Talsa, Naturaleza y Cultura International, the United Nations Development Program and H2Océanos

The 2017 regatta attracted the attention of many actors who initiated actions to promote this tradition of fishing and sailing to be maintained over time.

The organization Inkaterra Asociación-ITA promoted a file with the Ministry of Culture, so that this activity could be declared Cultural Heritage of the Nation.

Thanks to this effort, the coordination of the Vice Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Vice Ministry of Interculturality and the support of other organizations such as H2Océanos and people and institutions, on July 31, 2018, by Vice Ministerial Resolution No. 117-2018, it was declared a Heritage Site. intangible of the nation to **“The knowledge, knowledge and practices associated with traditional navigation and fishing on artisanal sailboats in the Caletas of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro”**



The Resolution Declares as  
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fishing with artisanal sailboats  
in the  
Coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro,  
in the province of Talara”**

#### IV. Installation of the Safeguards Committee

On the occasion of this important recognition, on April 30, 2019, the Regional Government of Piura (GORE Piura) and the decentralized office of the Ministry of Culture of Piura, with the support of H2Océanos, held an installation ceremony for the Committee of Safeguards in the presence of authorities and fishermen's unions. In this ceremony, it was agreed to grant the Technical Secretariat of the Safeguards Committee to the organization H2Océanos, in recognition of the work it had been carrying out in support

to the artisanal fishing sailboat communities. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Regional Government of Piura, Navy of Peru, Institute of the Sea of Peru (Imarpe), as well as representatives of the artisanal fishing guilds of Ñuro and Cabo Blanco, of the NGOs that have worked together with the fishermen to make this declaration a reality, and representatives of different public and private institutions of Piura (Fig. 9).



Fig. 9 Installation of the Cultural Heritage Safeguards Committee of the artisanal fishing sailboats of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro.

#### **V. Activities promoted by H2Océanos as Technical Secretariat of the Safeguards Committee**

The appointment of the Technical Secretariat of the Safeguards Committee has committed H2Océanos to carry out a series of activities since its installation. Below, the most important of these activities from 2017 are detailed chronologically, which include the organization of the regattas for Fisherman's Day each year as one of the most emblematic:

### **Year 2017**

#### **1. Support for the organization of the Great Regatta of the Century (June 29)**

**Regatta Motto:** All United for the Peruvian Tropical Sea

The main objective of these regattas is to promote the tradition of traditional and sustainable sailing and fishing of the locals of Cabo Blanco, El Ñuro and neighboring coves through the participation of their fishing sailboats in which their



knowledge, practices and ancestral knowledge of navigation. Promote sustainable fishing, and the development of experiential tourism that highlights local tradition and promotes natural and cultural attractions, as well as the conservation of biodiversity in that area (Fig. 10).



Fig. 10. Sailboat regattas in Cabo Blanco

## **2. Preparation of the Documentary Guardians of the Peruvian Tropical Sea**

This documentary, prepared by the company Albatros Media for Canal TV Perú, was broadcast in 2018, promoting the Peruvian fishing sailboat and its traditional and sustainable fishing activity. The 20-minute documentary was presented in the Caleta de Cabo Blanco and broadcast nationally.

## **3. Promperú Tourism Promotion Campaign (Ministry of Commerce and Tourism MINCETUR)**

A team of MINCETUR officials participated in the regatta of the century (2017) to film the event and promote it within the framework of their campaign —: “And what are your plans?” “  
From then on, MINCETUR has been including this activity among the tourist attractions of the northern area, and in the “Northern Beaches” initiatives of its portfolio.

## **4. Coordination for the preparation and promotion of the file for the Declaration of Cultural Heritage.**

This activity was carried out with the invaluable support of the organization Inkaterra Asociación -ITA, which prepared, with the support of specialists, the technical file that supports the need to declare the sailboats and their activities as national heritage. H2Océanos collaborated with the coordination between the Ministries of Culture and Production to advance the processing of this file, which would later be essential to achieve this purpose.

## Year 2018

### **1. First Working Group of the Vice Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture**

In the months of March and April, the first work table for Public-Private coordination was installed in support of sustainable fishing, biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism (Fig 11).



Fig 11: Public and private sector work table

### **2. Great Meeting of artisanal sailboats and the “BAP Unión” Training Ship**

On June 26, the H2Océanos organization, in coordination with the Peruvian Navy, organized a visit to Cabo Blanco, of the large sailing training ship “BAP Unión”, to perform a protocol greeting to the traditional sailboats of that community. The event, called “Peruvian Sails Meeting” was an impressive and emotional meeting on the high seas of traditional sailboats and the modern training ship (Fig. 12)



Fig. 12. BAP Unión at the “Peruvian Sails Meeting” with traditional fishing sailboats

### 3. Cinema for artisanal fishing communities in Cabo Blanco

June 28, 2018 The Documentary Guardians of the Peruvian Tropical Sea was presented at the Plaza de Cabo Blanco coliseum prior to its national premiere on Channel 7, TV Perú. This in order to give and recognize the importance of the protagonists of the documentary – these true guardians of the tropical sea who demand the creation of their marine protected area.



### 4. The Great Regatta of the Century Cabo Blanco 2018



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Motto: **All United for the Peruvian Tropical Sea**

The Great Regatta of the Century Cabo Blanco 2018 seeks to promote traditional and sustainable fishing by the locals of Cabo Blanco and neighboring coves through their Peruvian artisanal fishing sailboat, as well as promote tourism development that highlights local tradition and promotes natural attractions and cultural, and the conservation of biodiversity.

This year 30 boats from the coves of Cabo Blanco, Ñuro, Talara and Lobitos participated, again with the motto “All United for the Tropical Sea”, calling on the authorities to create a large marine reserve in this wonderful Peruvian tropical sea. .

Some of the vessels had **the installation of GPS equipment that allowed the vessel's route to be followed in real time via cell phone or website**. The Great Regatta of the Century was organized by the Artisanal Fishermen's Guild of Cabo Blanco in coordination with the NGO H2Oceanos and once again had the valuable contribution of private companies and NGOs that have been betting on highlighting the Peruvian Artisanal Fishing Sailboat.



##### **5. Ceremony for the Declaration of Cultural Heritage by the Ministry of Culture (MINCUL) in Cabo Blanco.**

On July 31, 2018, through Vice-Ministerial Resolution No. 117-2018, it was declared Intangible heritage of the nation to **“The knowledge, wisdom and practices associated with traditional navigation and fishing on artisanal sailboats in the Caletas of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro.”**

This great news about the Declaration of Cultural Heritage issued by the Ministry of Culture, was celebrated in Cabo Blanco in a ceremony that took place in said cove on August 5, with the presence of authorities, fishermen and all those who accompanied this crusade. for conserving this magical space of our coastline, its resources, its artisanal fishing populations, and its ancestral traditions

inherited from their ancestors (Fig. 13).





Fig. 13 Ceremony of delivery of the Declaration of Heritage to the Fishermen of Cabo Blanco

#### 6. II and III Miniature Sailboat Regatta for the children of the northern coves

One way to promote the continuity of the traditions of sailing and sailing fishing from generation to generation is to hold mini-sailboat regattas on a children's scale in the Caletas of El Ñuro, Cabo Blanco and los Órganos. On June 30, 2018, a mini sailboat regatta is held as part of the festivities around Saint Peter's Day and Fisherman's Day. However, these competitions have been held in homage to Admiral Grau, during the festivities of October 8, Navy Day. Continuing this tradition, on October 8, 2018, the III Veleritos Mini Regatta was held (Fig. 14)



Fig. 14 Regattas of miniature sailboats of the children of fishermen of the northern coves



## 7. Scientific Expedition to the Peruvian Tropical Sea

**From August 28 to September 3, 2018**, a scientific expedition was carried out with the participation of a group of explorers, scientists and underwater photographers of different nationalities united with one mission: to explore the Tropical Pacific Sea with the aim of disseminating it worldwide. the enormous biodiversity of this area and promote its imminent and urgent conservation.

The main objective was to raise awareness about this area and work with local scientists, fishermen, teachers, NGOs and politicians to promote the designation of this region as a "Hopespot" of the Tropical Pacific Sea of Peru as a marine protected area. .

The expedition team's tasks were to film, photograph, record, and study the area and then share the information collected on this trip with the entire world.

The main objectives were to highlight the area as a potential site for marine research and future expeditions, and to promote collaboration between international and Peruvian scientists. On August 28, 2018, this group appeared before the Congress of the Republic (Fig. 15).



Fig. 15. Presentation before the Congress of the Republic of Peru of the Objectives of the Expedition to the Peruvian Tropical Sea and presentation of the team of professionals.



For a week, scientists and underwater photographers dived in Punta Sal, Los Órganos, Cabo Blanco and Isla Foca. The latter is a place where the largest number of endemic species in Peru are concentrated. The dives reached a depth of 30 meters, while the Trident underwater drone exceeded human capacity and reached 80 meters, where it discovered possible new species for science.

**The expedition was promoted by the National Geographic web platform:  
Ocean Explorer**

#### **8. Adding value to Cabo Blanco through the painting of the main facades**

In order to promote tourism in this Caleta, it is planned to launch an initiative to paint the facades of the town with typical marine motifs of the area.

This work has been planned based on the experience of painting the town of Antioquia in the vicinity of the city of Lima.

The local painter from Cabo Blanco, Luis Alberto Querevalu, and the organ painter Pascual Mimbela were identified. The motifs of the paintings were identified with the support of the fishermen themselves so that they represent symbolic icons of fishing and the biodiversity of the area.

The painting of the premises of the Artisanal Fishermen's Guild of Cabo Blanco, the square around the Church, and a house at the entrance to the square that had a political advertisement painted on it and disharmonized the landscape, has begun as a pilot. In addition, three small houses still identified with the community. The idea is to motivate the population to paint the entire seafront of the pier to make it more attractive for tourism.



Casas de Cabo Blanco/Houses of Cabo Blanco



Plaza e Iglesia de Cabo Blanco/Plaza and Church of Cabo Blanco



Plaza e Iglesia de Cabo Blanco/Plaza and Church of Cabo Blanco



Gremio de Pescadores / Artesenal Fishermen Offices



Ingreso a la Plaza de Cabo Blanco/Entrance to the Plaza





## Year 2019

### 1. Great Regatta of the Century 2019

Having established the tradition of celebrating the regatta on Fisherman's Day, June 29, in 2019 H2Océanos organized this great event with a large-scale call, both from state institutions and civil society organizations. Flyers and advertisements were prepared and distributed on social networks to invite the press and actors from other locations to attend this great event (Fig. 16).



Fig. 16. Cabo Blanco Century Regatta dissemination campaign

The image of San Pedro was escorted from the church in the plaza of the cove of Cabo Blanco, to the beach of the town by authorities of the Peruvian navy, and carried on the shoulders of the fishermen and residents of the cove (Fig 17)



Fig 17. Image of San Pedro is transferred from the church to the beach of Cabo Blanco

The great regatta once again brought together boats from the coves of Talara, Cabo Blanco, El Ñuro and Los Organos, which showed the skill of their fishermen. This activity is the most important of the year to maintain the tradition of traditional sailing of these boats, which were declared Cultural Heritage.

At the end of the regatta, the traditional awards ceremony was held for the winners (Fig. 18)



Fig 18. Great Regatta of the Century 2019 and presentation of the cup to the winner of the regatta

## 2. III Congress of Protected Natural Areas of Latin America and the Caribbean

### The Tropical Sea of Peru: A Place of Hope

Peru participated in the III Congress of Protected Natural Areas held on December 15 October 2019, promoting the creation of the Mar Tropical de Grau National Reserve

Within the framework of this event, H2Océanos organized a side event. The meeting that took place at the Lima Convention Center brought together authorities and public and private actors linked to conservation, where a discussion table was presented on the creation of the Grau Tropical Sea Reserve, with the participation of artisanal fishermen of Cabo Blanco. (Fig 19).



Fig. 19 III Congress of Protected Areas



### 3. II International Tuna Congress - Peruvian Tuna Chamber, November 19 2019

With the presence of 300 personalities from the fishing industry, the Peruvian Tuna Chamber held the II International Tuna Congress, an event that has become a regional reference for tuna activity.

Alfonso Miranda Eyzaguirre, who presides over the Peruvian Tuna Chamber, spoke about the dynamics of this activity worldwide and the importance that, in that context, Peru has due to the exceptional biological conditions and productivity of its waters.

At the II International Tuna Congress, topics such as the sustainability of tuna fisheries, market perspectives and health rules of the European Union, tuna fishing in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the tuna industry and its significance in Mexico **and the designation of origin for tuna fishing in El Niño and Cabo Blanco by artisanal fishermen on sailboats.**

The presidents of the fishermen's guilds of Cabo Blanco and El Niño participated in this important activity (Fig. 20)



Fig. 20 II International Tuna Congress

During this important Congress, the fishermen of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro made known the true traditional sailing tuna fishing through their presentation and a video recording the trolling fishing technique in the coves of northern Peru.



<https://bit.ly/PescaAtunVela>

Video that An ancient art of selective fishing typical of the artisanal sailing boats of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro. These boats and their fishing gear have been declared Cultural Heritage of the country. Trolling fishing is used to catch the yellowfin tuna that feed in the rich waters of the mixed water front of Cabo Blanco. Thanks to this selective fishing and the careful handling of tuna, they achieve the exceptional quality of this species, which is in high demand for the renowned gastronomy of our country.

## **Years 2020-2021**

These 2 years were very sad and difficult for the world due to the COVID 19 virus pandemic. But it was even more tragic for the vulnerable populations of our country, among them, the coves of artisanal fishermen who live in precarious economic conditions, in places where There are no well-equipped health posts or support programs to help them cope with these crises.

Due to this unfortunate reality, many fishermen in the coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro died as a result of COVID 19. For this reason, activities related to Cultural Heritage could not be carried out during this period, due to confinement restrictions that lasted for many months.

The recovery of these populations was very slow due to the lack of resources and the fact that fishing and the marketing of their products was limited by the restrictions imposed by the authorities within the framework of health control due to COVID 2019.

However, H2Océanos developed the **Regatta of Wills**, which consisted of providing humanitarian assistance to these communities, called “**Today We Raise the Sails Together for the communities of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro**” with the participation and collaboration of other organizations, authorities, chefs, restaurants, companies, influencers, individuals who managed to channel funds and bring aid and medicines to support the populations of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro at this time of great need for those populations.



Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/FundacionGrupoRomero/posts/10159060483522176>

The Romero Foundation made an important donation to the coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro as well as to the Municipality of El Alto (Fig 21).



Fig. 21 . Donations of medicines for the El Ñuro medical post

## **June 2021**

### **1. Tribute on the high seas to all the fishermen and their families who lost their lives in the COVID 19 pandemic**

The Peruvian Navy joined the tribute for the victims of COVID 2019 that affected fishermen and their families, and did so on the high seas, with the presence of the BAP Unión Sailboat, which participated in an emotional launch ceremony. sea of flower arrangements. On June 4, the sailboats of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro, and the BAP Unión joined together to honor their victims of COVID 19 with a touch of silence and the launch of floral arrangements into the sea (Fig. 21).



Fig. 21 Throwing of floral arrangements into the Sea for those who died from COVID 19

H2Océanos called on the authorities to carry out this important ceremony at the Cabo Blanco dock, and the Navy joined in this tribute with the BAP Unión, which joined the traditional sailboats remembering those who died as a result of COVID 19 (Fig. 22 )



Fig. 22 Heartfelt tribute and offerings to the deceased COVID 19 pandemic



## Year 2022

Once the tragic Pandemic of 2020 was overcome, the coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro showed their great resilience, and decided to celebrate Fisherman's Day again, June 29, in tribute to their deceased loved ones, and to show the continuation of their traditions. ancestral

H2Océanos joined the fishermen's guilds for these celebrations with a great dissemination program and convocation of authorities and other non-governmental organizations, which supported with candles, paint, cash prizes and cups for the winners (Fig 23).



Fig. 23. Call for the Great Regatta of the Century 2022

The traditional activities of religious celebrations to the patron saint of fishermen, San Pedro, the great procession at sea to the patron saint, the regatta and awards ceremony, followed by a great celebration and party with typical dances, were renewed.

Finally, these communities were celebrating their traditional festivals again, and in this way the tradition of the Cultural Heritage of the Nation was resumed.

Here is the sequence of the festivities

Mass for Saint Peter, Patron of Fishermen. The anda decorated by the fishermen themselves is honored in a mass attended by the population (Fig 24 a)



Then the litter is transported out of the beautiful and picturesque church in the main square of Cabo Blanco by the fishermen and their families (Fig 24 b)



Fig. 24a



Fig. 24b

Then the image of Saint Peter is transported through the streets of the city from the square to the beach where it will be embarked to begin the procession at sea (Fig. 24 c). Once boarded , The image begins its procession in the sea accompanied by all the artisanal boats of the cove, with the band of musicians singing songs and marches in tribute to the patron Saint Peter. (Fig. 24 d)



Fig. 24c



Fig. 24d

Once the procession is over, the great regatta of the century begins, where the fishermen must demonstrate their sailing skills (Fig. 24 e). Once the regatta is over, the winners are awarded (Fig. 24 f) and the fisherman's day celebration party begins with typical dances (Figs 24 g)



Fig 24e



Fig 24f



Fig. 24 g Closing celebrations of Fisherman's Day

### 1. The Great Regatta of the Century Cabo Blanco – El Ñuro 2022

In this activity celebrating Fisherman's Day, H2Océanos emphasized promoting the participation of young people in these activities. The calls to the press were aimed at interviewing young people and their role in promoting marine conservation and the ancestral traditions of the fishermen of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro (Fig. 25).



Fig 25. The participation of young people in regattas promotes these activities

The voice of the young people was represented on this occasion with the messages left by the young campaigners Aysha and Alexander Austermühle Pardo:



<https://youtu.be/8B0YrpbXVY> <https://youtu.be/bGswj0j49QA>

2. June 28, 2022 - PROMPERU – WEBINAR “The Great Regatta of the Century in Cabo Blanco” by H2Océanos Campaign Youth, Aysha Austermühle Pardo



## Year 2023

The year 2023 was very active for carrying out activities linked to the Cultural Heritage of Navigation and Fishing of the traditional sailboats of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro.

### 1. Promulgation of the Law that encourages Sport Fishing and Nautical Events

The Production, Micro and Small Business and Cooperatives Commission of Congress unanimously approved the opinion issued in Bill 4354/2022-CR, which proposes the Law that encourages sport fishing and nautical events at the national and international level.

This proposal contains 4 articles and 3 complementary provisions, which indicate various actions to encourage the practice of sport fishing, such as simplifying customs procedures for the temporary entry of boats and other goods linked to it, providing facilities for its execution on the coast. and all the country's waterways, in addition to promoting the holding of the International Sport Fishing Festival «Ernest



Hemingway of Cabo Blanco, Piura" which will be held during the first week of August of each year, in the Caleta de Cabo Blanco, in Piura.

The representatives of Inkaterra José Koechlin and the president of H2Océanos Nina Pardo participated in this session (Fig 26)



Fig. 26 Signature of Lay's autograph that creates the International Sport Fishing Festival in Cabo Blanco, Piura.

## 2. The Great Regatta of the Cabo Blanco Century – El Ñuro 2023

*The Fishermen's Guilds of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro, and H2Océanos present the Great Regatta of the Century 2023 (Promotional Video)*



<https://youtu.be/Xzui76KvPbo>

On June 29, for #Fisherman'sDay, fishing communities will show their skill in the Great Regatta of the Century 2023, in Cabo Blanco - El Niño.

This magnificent event, which has the collaboration of public and private sector institutions such as the Guild of Artisanal Fishermen of Cabo Blanco, H2Océanos, San Jacinto SA, SAVIA, OCEANA, Environmental Defense Fund, Municipality of Alto, Grupo RPP, IMI, InkaTerra Association, Humboldt II Project, United Nations Development Program, SOA, Coast 2 Coast, PromPerú



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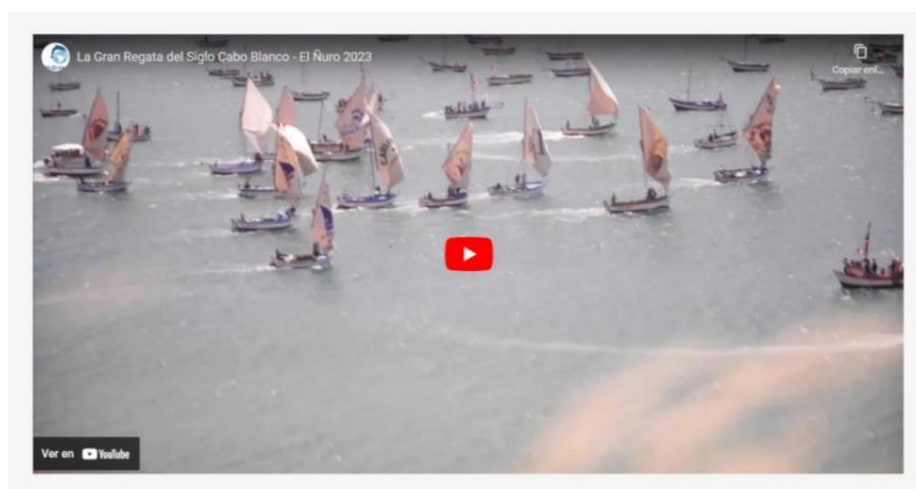


### 3. Report on TV Perú Noticias: “Cabo Blanco, paradise in the north of Peru”

Get to know all the wonders of Cabo Blanco, a small paradise located in Piura, north of Peru. Special Report broadcast nationally by TVPerú Noticias



[youtu.be/W3Jb7EFnADY](https://youtu.be/W3Jb7EFnADY)



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#### 4. Ceviche Day, June 28, 2023



Nina Pardo – H2Océanos, Reedy Bancayan -Mayor of the Municipality of El Alto  
Gastronomic contest - various restaurants made samples of ceviche dishes

#### 5. June 28, 2023 - Celebrations

Cinema for the community of Cabo Blanco



Typical dances, Cabo Blanco





### Los Niños de Cabo Blanco

Los Niños de Cabo Blanco celebran la navegación y pesca a vela como Patrimonio Cultural del Perú!

### Turismo comunitario Los Hijos del Viento

Mercedes Tume de la empresa turística local de los "Hijos del Viento" hace un llamado al mundo para que se le dé importancia a su navegación a vela y se promueva su turismo.



### Voz de los Jóvenes

Jóven líder de H2Oceanos, Alexander Austermuhle, habla sobre cómo podemos apoyar para preservar este patrimonio cultural de la navegación y pesca a vela.

<https://h2oceanos.org.pe/videos>



## 6. Celebration of creation of AMP Mar Tropical de Grau National Reserve 2024

### Presentation ceremony of the AMP RN Mar Tropical de Grau

In Ñuro, on May 14, we celebrated together with fishing communities from Tumbes and Piura, the creation of the marine protected area “Mar Tropical de Grau National Reserve”, marking a historical milestone for the conservation of the biodiversity of this rich ecosystem, which that will benefit traditional communities whose lives depend on the good state of this sea. We celebrate Everyone, fishing communities, NGOs, scientists and academia, authorities, media and private sector.

<https://h2oceanos.org.pe/amp-mar-tropical-de-grau>



<https://youtu.be/WNOelzyklJg>

## 7. World Oceans Day June 8, 2024

Ashi Añañe - first bilingual intercultural magazine in the Ashaninka language.

Broadcast by national channel TV PERU in a program aimed at Ashaninka communities



<https://youtu.be/aKuacD1ogK4?si=SV0Dt30tWWUF33BF>

## YEAR 2024

### **1. Visit of the BAP Unión to the coves of Cabo Blanco and El Ñuro upon the return of the circumnavigation for the Bicentennial of the Independence of Peru**

The Peruvian Navy, together with the nautical community and the inhabitants of Lima, prepared a warm welcome for the BAP Unión, the sailing training ship that returned to Peru, its homeland, after a 317-day global mission.

The BAP Unión, the largest and fastest sailing ship in Latin America, began its first circumnavigation on June 17, 2023. For more than 10 months, it sailed through the oceans of the five continents, visiting 15 countries with the aim of strengthening ties commercial and promote Peruvian culture in the world.

This training ship maintained its maritime operations in optimal conditions. The first stop of the voyage was on the island of Tahiti, French Polynesia, on July 13, 2023.

Subsequently, this ship made stops in Guam, Tokyo (Japan), Busan (South Korea), Singapore, Bombay (India), the Suez Canal (Egypt), Alexandria (Egypt), Civitavecchia (Italy), La Spezia (Italy ) and Piraeus (Greece), before the end of the year.

Already in 2024, it continued its route through Toulon (France), Málaga (Spain), Cádiz (Spain), Tanger Med (Morocco), Baltimore (USA), Miami (USA), Kingston (Jamaica), Curacao (Netherlands) and Balboa (Panama).

H2Océanos coordinated with the Peruvian Navy, so that on its transit from Panama to Callao, La Unión would stop at Cabo Blanco to greet the traditional sailboat fishermen. Once this visit was authorized, it was coordinated with the naval authorities so that on April 19, 2024, the great meeting would take place on the high seas, in front of the Cabo Blanco cove. The meeting was very emotional, and the fishermen were able to pay a special greeting to the BAP Unión for the extraordinary journey made on its first circumnavigation.

The meeting point and the navigation route were prepared by the BAP Unión in coordination with the fishermen's guilds (Fig. 27)



Fig. 27 BAP Unión meeting and navigation plan

The imposing UNION was received in Cabo Blanco and El Niño, where the fishing, sports and craft vessels that make up the nautical community of that city joined. zone. They raised their sails and sent their greetings as a sign of gratitude and pride towards the national sailboat for having elevated the image of Peru and the Navy in the seas of the world (Fig. 28).



Fig. 28 BAP Unión enters Peruvian waters heading to Cabo Blanco