

2019 CALENDAR

The heart of the sea. El Arrecife, Mahahual, Mexico
Photo: Francisco David Penados Saravia





Life in the MAR

The Mesoamerican Reef Fund (MAR Fund) organized this contest to celebrate the International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2018 and thus to encourage more people to support the conservation of these valuable ecosystems.

Mission

MAR Fund drives regional funding and partnerships for the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of the Mesoamerican Reef.

Vision

A thriving Mesoamerican reef system sustains, and is supported by, society within a regenerative economy.

The jury of the photographic contest "Life in the MAR" selected the 13 photographs illustrating this calendar. The cover image and the photographs for January and February won the first three places of the contest. They were selected by public vote.

Our thanks to all participants who through their wonderful images have illustrated how the MAR sustains the lives of people, animals and plants inhabiting the reef in the four countries of the region: Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras.

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Three Generations, One GOAL. Sustainable Livelihood
Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve, Belize
Photo: Henry Allan Brown

January

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The Mesoamerican Reef System encompasses the largest coral reef in the Atlantic Ocean.





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The coastline of the Mesoamerican Reef System stretches over 1,000 kilometers, from the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to the Bay Islands in Honduras.

Green Up for Air
Caye Caulker North Cut, Belize
Photo: Linda Searle





March

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The Mesoamerican Reef System hosts some of the largest populations of manatees and sea turtles and possibly the largest known aggregation of whale sharks.

Reef friends at lunch
Cozumel, Mexico
Photo: Kristin Sansonetti





April

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Monitoring *Acropora palmata* colonies in Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Cozumel
Cozumel, Mexico

Photo: Miguel Angel García
Oceanus A.C.

In the MAR there are valuable concentrations of sea grasses and mangroves.





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Globally, coral reefs are vulnerable to many threats such as sedimentation, pollution, overfishing and climate change.

Are you hiding or posing?
Villa Blanca, Cozumel, Mexico
Photo: Colleen Flanigan





June

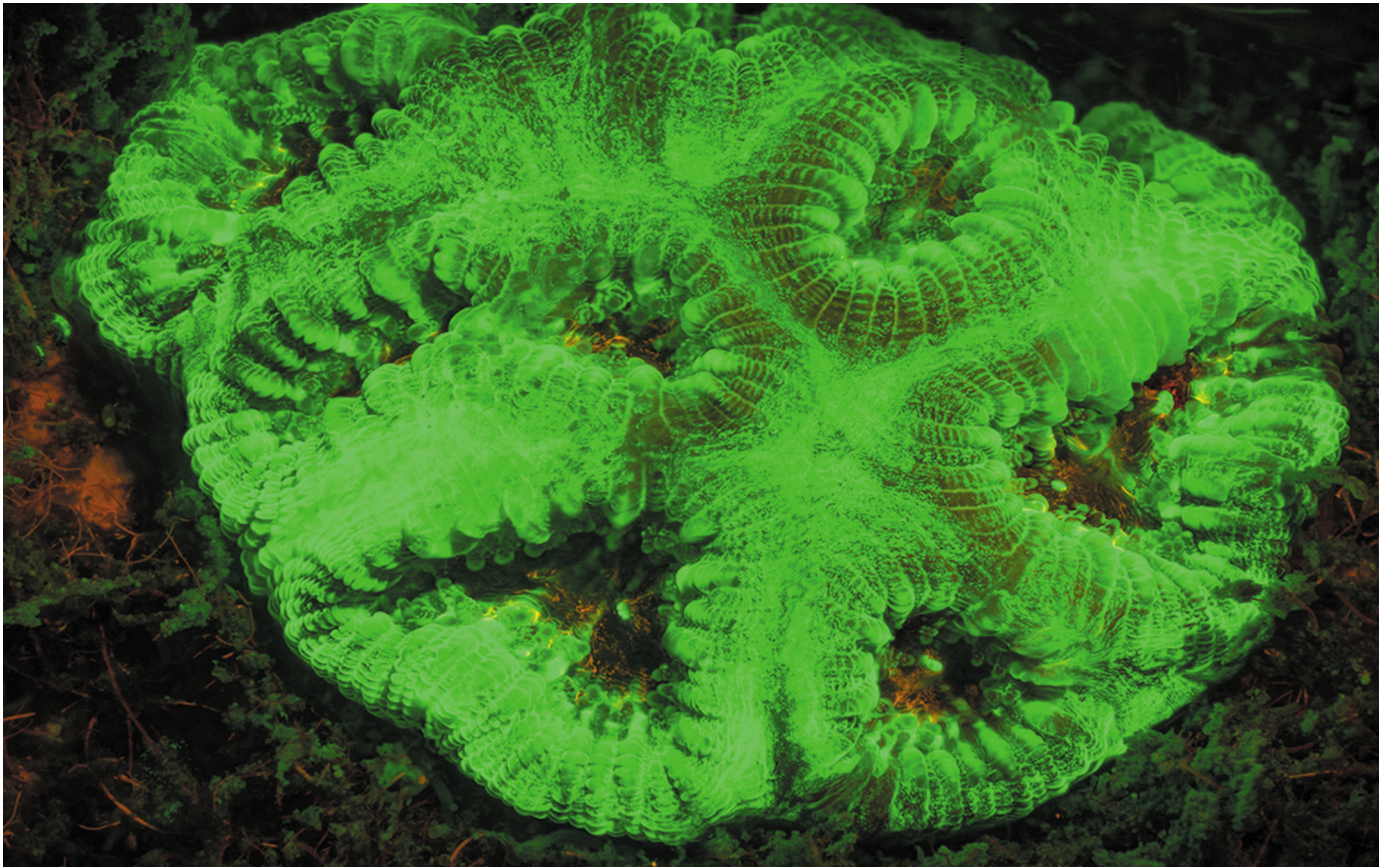
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Eye see you says the world's largest fish
Mexico

Photo: Rachel Graham

Conservation of natural resources in the Mesoamerican Reef region will contribute to food security of their coastal communities.





Fluorescence

Xahuayxol Quintana Roo, Mexico
Photo: Humberto Bahena Basave

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Recovery and restoration of reefs increases their resilience and the ecosystem services they provide.





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The Mesoamerican Reef requires more sustainable practices to maintain the health of ecosystems.

Bright as the sun
Merys Place Roatan, Honduras
Photo: David Sánchez





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Pollution in the Mesoamerican Reef reduces its resilience and affects directly to the marine wildlife.

The Fisherman
Honduras
Photo: David Mejía Suansin





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Chachahuate Cay
Cayos Cochinos, ISB, Honduras
Photo: Joel Antonio Amaya Guillén

Microplastics are a great threat to reefs and if, consumed by fish, they can enter our food chain.





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Harmony in the reef
Parque Nacional Arrecife de Puerto Morelos, Mexico
Photo: Selene E. Jacobo Cabral

Reduce, reuse, recycle is a goal to be achieved in the Mesoamerican Reef.





Porites polyps
Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico
Photo: Melissa del Carmen Llanes L.

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Public awareness is fundamental to the success of environmental policies aimed at reducing all types of pollution.





January 2020

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Oceanic Garden
Utila, Honduras
Photo: Helder Pérez

The natural capital of the Mesoamerican Reef is the base on which the tourism of the region develops.

