

## HOLBOX ISLAND SHORT STORIES

### IN THE VOICE OF WOMEN WORKING FOR MARINE CONSERVATION



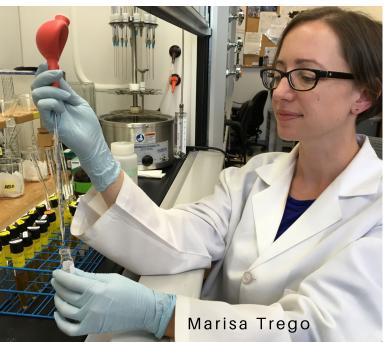
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In Mar Sustentable we are pleased to announce that we are joining forces to raise awareness for the conservation of Islands. We are currently doing it through a new campaign with short stories about the ecosystems of Isla Holbox, its fauna and its inhabitants. Through these short stories, we are interested in sharing our passion for marine conservation through social media.

The Holbox stories that we present to you are part of the material collected in the research work that Mar Sustentable has been carrying out on the island focused on coastal exploitation. Our research has been sponsored by The Rufford Foundation.

Our goal is that the community can take a moment from their busy weekly schedule and enjoy the beauty of nature through our stories. We want to invite the audience to reflect on our interactions with nature and how they can be improved to help conserve islands and their biodiversity.

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The islands, coasts and oceans of Mexico and the world face common threats such as coral diseases, water and plastic pollution, overexploitation of species and landscapes, and a growing number of local people and tourists. That is why it is crucial to raise a collective voice towards the necessary changes as individuals and as a community.

At Mar Sustentable we share the idea that coasts and oceans are an inheritance of all human beings that inhabit planet earth, or what we also like to call "planet ocean". Therefore, we believe that we can all contribute to its conservation no matter where we live since in some way we are all connected through our daily activities with the sea. The sea is a source of our food, provides materials for specific medicines, protects communities and cities against natural disasters and, increasingly, the sea is becoming key to recreational activities, in addition to many other scenic and economic benefits.

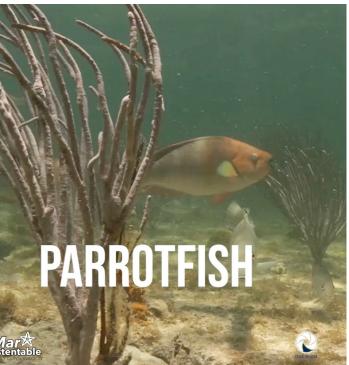
We encourage you to stay tuned and connect to our stories. Let's get together and raise awareness in our community to improve the health of our seas and reefs.

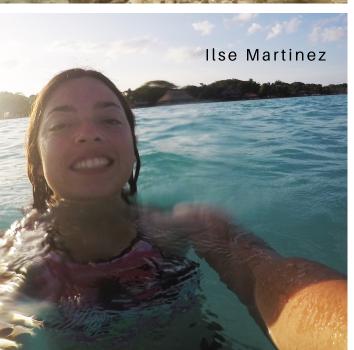


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#### Videos in Spanish

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#### Videos in English

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