

The Future & Getting Involved



What started as a COVID passion project ended up being the experience of a lifetime. It was incredibly gratifying to discover and document the caves of Mayakoba, and to show people more about this special world.

By the time you're reading this book, you'll be able to watch the documentary film we made about the Cenotes of Mayakoba, which you can find at www.CenotesOfMayakoba.com.

While we're excited to publish this book and our documentary film, one of the best parts of the project was how much interest it generated in people we met at Mayakoba before we'd published anything at all. From the staff at the resort who took incredible pride and interest in learning about and protecting the environment here, to the guests at the resort, this project showed that people love caves. And loving something helps us understand the importance of protecting it.

The interest we saw from others has inspired us to bring parts of the project to more people. Matt is working with Rosewood to share the project through their media channels, and the team is working to bring fresh educational content and activities to the cenote experience at Mayakoba.

We're also working on an upcoming project to measure and document water quality in the aquifers of the Yucatán Peninsula, helping land planners, scientists, and government agencies make better decisions about the environmental impact of development, farming, and human activity on the caves and aquifers.

As we publish this book, our exploration of Mayakoba is ongoing. As we add length to the cave, we'll be adding more knowledge to the world about what exists at this property.

And no matter where or how far that goes, we know this won't be the last time we do something like this project. It's up to us to reverse Tim Urban's tail end so that we each have more time to do the things we love with the people that matter to us.

If you've liked experiencing the wonder of the caves in this book, you might wish to consider how else you can help.

Like all complex issues, there isn't a single answer that will solve all of the challenges facing these fragile environments. But it strikes us that there are a few things we can all do whenever we can.

Share your love

Tell your friends, colleagues, and government leaders about the importance of cenotes and caves. Along with this book and the accompanying film, there are other projects that demonstrate the beauty of caves, and by sharing these resources with others, you're helping educate those who may not yet know about the importance of protecting the cave environment and our freshwater aquifers.

Spend wisely

Support resorts and developments that build and operate sustainably, including those that use water reclamation, preserve mangroves, jungle, and greenspace as they build, that conduct responsible waste management, and if possible, that have environmental certifications such as Mexico's Agency of Environmental Protection (PROFEPA).

Tread lightly

Leave only bubbles and take only memories whenever you visit fragile environments like cenotes.

Invest in the future

So that all proceeds from this project can go to environmental conservation, this non-profit project was made possible with financial support from Matt Scantland and with logistical support from the resort operators. Please consider supporting our future cave conservation and water quality projects by visiting us at www.CenotesOfMayakoba.com.

All donations are tax-deductible through Global Underwater Explorer's Project Baseline 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and will be used solely to help protect the caves and freshwater aquifer in the Yucatán Peninsula. ♦



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