Citizen-driven vigilance to stop illegal fishing!

In May 2011, RDC received a report from CONAPIMA (the federal fisheries authority) leading to the confiscation of 13 illegal fishing boats. Since April of this year, >50 cases have been reported of illegal fishing at Esparcía National Park, and the number of cases has exponentially increased, especially from heavily targeted parrotfish.

RDC’s surveillance in the Bay of La Paz. The new RDC patrol boat is also digging, allowing the boat to carry RDC’s captain and staff, along with essential fisheries authority and the troops.

The RDC patrol boats in the Bay of La Paz patrol the city’s water to prevent illegal fishing. The boats are on the lookout for any suspicious activity and ensure that the water is free from illegal fishing practices.

In 2016, RDC launched its new “Fishermen’s Guide” to help fishermen understand their rights and responsibilities. The guide focuses on sustainable fishing practices.

In 2016, in response to the sudden closure of Los Islotes Island (a popular diving spot for many), RDC coordinated with CONAPIMA to ensure that the facility was reopened to the public.

For 7 days, staff from RDC and CONAPIMA protected the island and water, making contact with a total of 11 boats a day over an 8-hour period. The staff were helping to ensure that the regulations were being followed, and the waters were protected.

In 2016, RDC was recognized by the Mexican Government, through the National Commission on Nature Protection Areas, as one of the most important environmental organizations for its work in conservation efforts.

In 2017, 3 parrots were confiscated from a fishing boat, and the eggs were taken to a nearby hatchery for care. Two parrots were released back into the wild.

These are real (albeit cartoonastic) parrots! A cartoon fish雕塑 is shown swimming in the water, with a caption that reads: "This fish is designated to be preserved and protected, as it is considered an important species."