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HUMPBACK WHALE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION PROJECT



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Action area: **Cabo San Lucas, Baja California sur (México)**

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ABSTRACT

The **Humpback whale** (*Megaptera novaengliae*) migrates to Baja California Sur during the winter season, using its waters as mating and breeding grounds. One of the main stops of this migratory route is in the waters of Cabo San Lucas, a population with great demographic development caused by the increase in tourism in recent years, which implies a big number of boats and activities in the Ocean. The **objective** of this project is to study these factors to propose actions, carrying out a **behavioral study** of this species to identify the changes produced by possible bad practices of anthropomorphic origin, as well as environmental. In turn, this project will encompass both the **socioeconomic study and communication** of the culture of the local population, as well as the **divulcation and education** of the new generations at a local and international scope about the importance and value of biodiversity at all levels.