

1st Conference on Research, Conservation and Development of the Peruvian Tropical Sea

Inkaterra held the 1st Conference on Research, Conservation and Development of the Peruvian Tropical Sea, an event that promoted the project by Inkaterra Asociacion- ITA for the creation of the first marine reserve in the northern coast of Peru. The proposed area is 6,500 km² (650,000 ha) and it is located within Tumbes & Piura regions, representing around 195 km by road.

The conference was held on a three day schedule on three different locations (Lima, Piura and Cabo Blanco- Piura) with special guests such as Rob Kramer, President of the International Game Fishing Association; Tim Choate, President of Wild Oceans NGO; Nelson Ehrhardt, Professor at Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science of University of Miami, among other special international guests.

The event started with a series of presentations by national and international specialists, followed by the exhibition of the restored fishing boat “Miss Texas”, the vessel used by Alfred Glassel Jr. where he caught the largest black marlin on 1953 at Cabo Blanco, Piura. Additionally, in order to commemorate Glassel’s historic achievement Inkaterra presented two stamps celebrating the 60th anniversary of this renowned record of the largest marlin caught by sport fishing (1,560 lb.), a record still unbeatable up to date.

On the second day at the city of Piura, Javier Atkins, President of the Regional Government of Piura; Cristina Portocarrero, Manager of the Natural Resources Area of the regional government and Belen Alcorta, Director of “Pacífico Adventures” (a local tour operator) addressed important issues related to ecotourism and the conservation of the ocean, research and management of the tropical seas, among others.

The last day of the conferences, took place at Cabo Blanco, Piura. The event began with placing the first stone for ITA’s field station. After a few words from Jose Koechlin, President of Inkaterra and Inkaterra Asociacion – ITA, followed by the presentation of Alfred Glassel Jr. bust, in commemoration of his achievement on 1953, the conference ended with an award ceremony for the local fishing contest.



Miss Texas



Rob Kramer, President of the International Game Fishing Association



Jose Koechlin, President of Inkaterra and Inkaterra Asociación – ITA