

Introduction

- The Canal will unavoidably have some negative impacts, but if ERM's recommendations are followed, we expect a NET POSITIVE IMPACT.
- The Canal is the only realistic way of saving the remaining Nicaraguan forest and restoring degraded areas.
- Changes have been made to the original canal design to avoid and mitigate some of its negative impacts.
- The ESIA approval will require the completion of further studies before approval of the final design for construction.
- These further studies can only be completed as the final design is developed.
- The social impact of the Canal will be hugely positive with economic benefits to Nicaragua and its people.
- HKND is totally committed to ensuring that affected people are better off.

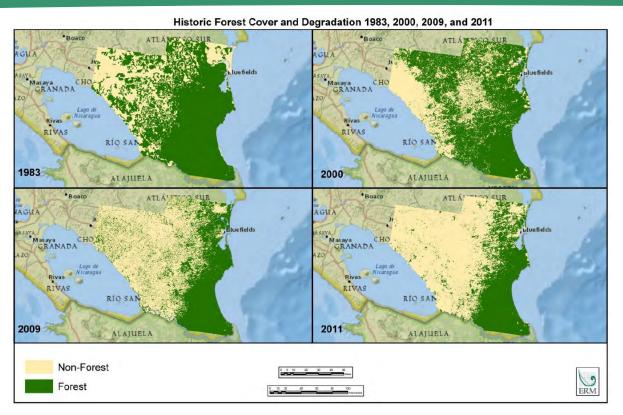


Deforestation is still occurring



- ➤ <u>Without the Canal</u> the ever increasing rate of forest degradation means that most of the forest will be lost within 10 to 15 years.
- With the Canal people will be better off economically and there won't be a need to clear the forest and engage in subsistence farming for livelihood. We will also start to restore the forests.
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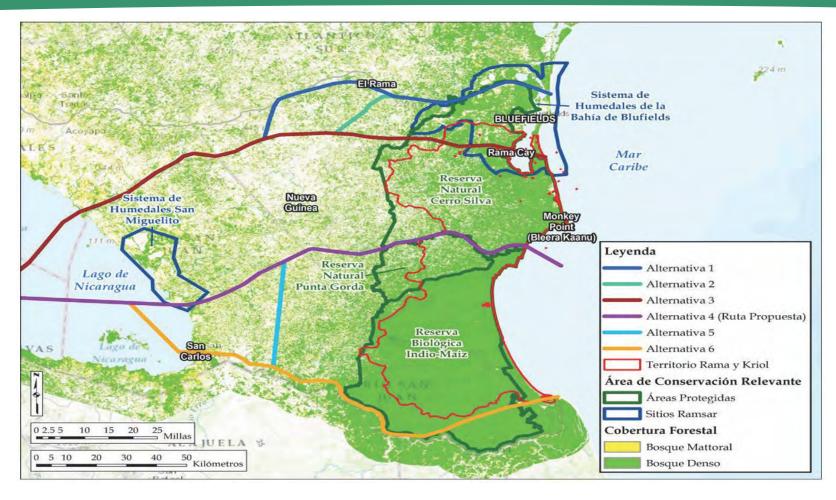
Rate of deforestation is increasing



Over the past 30 years, Lago de Nicaragua watershed has lost much of its forest cover to cattle grazing and agriculture. These, coupled with the slope gradients of the watershed, has resulted in increased rates of erosion and runoff. 13.3 tons of sediment per hectare are transported to Lago de Nicaragua annually (World Bank 2013a). Increased erosion and runoff have increased Lake nutrient loadings.

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Route selection for minimum E&S impact



Route 4 was found to be the only route where Net Positive Impact could be achieved.



Minimize social impact



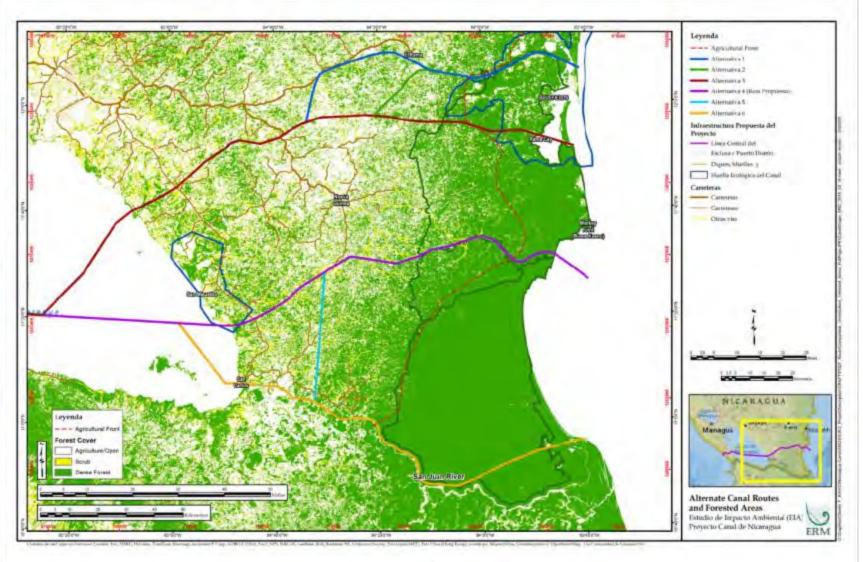
- Route 4 requires the displacement of the least number of people;
- ➤ Affects minimum of existing social infrastructure.





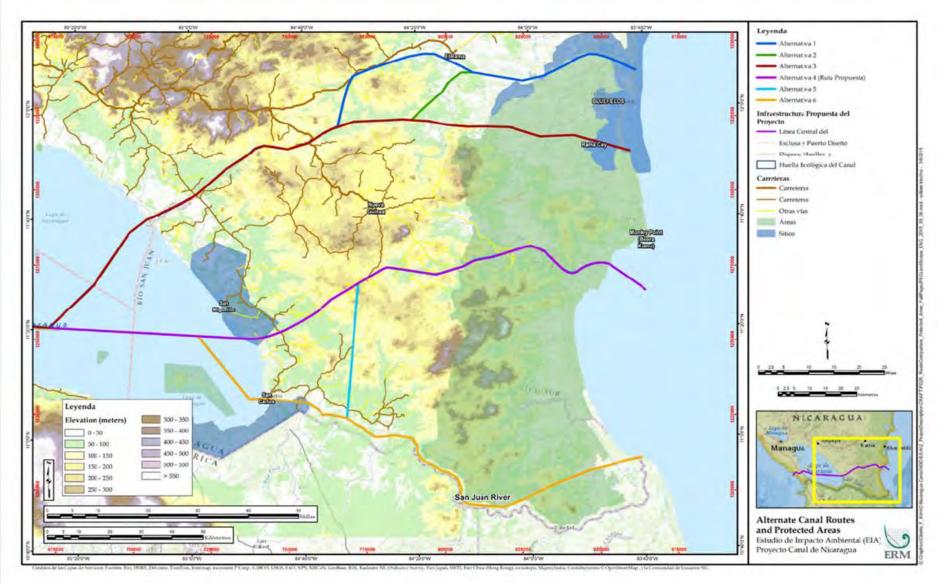


Remaining Forest and "Agricultural Front"

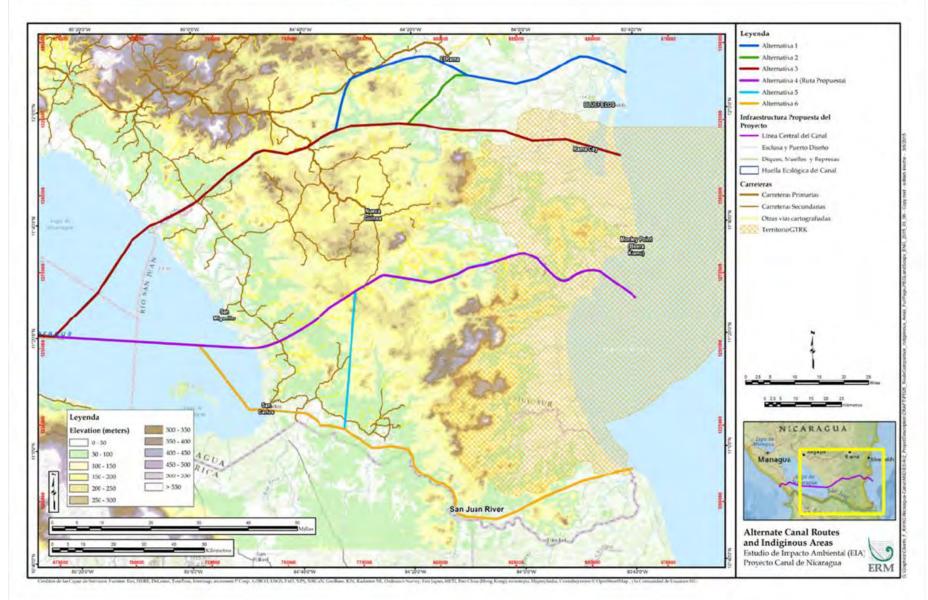


Almost the only intact areas of forest remaining are the Indio Maiz and a part of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (Cerro Silva)

Internationally Recognized Protected Areas



Recognized Indigenous Lands



Canal alignment mostly in areas already damaged



- Canal will act as a buffer for Indio Maiz;
- Mesoamerican Corridor to be protected;
- Minimum impact on Caribbean palm forest.



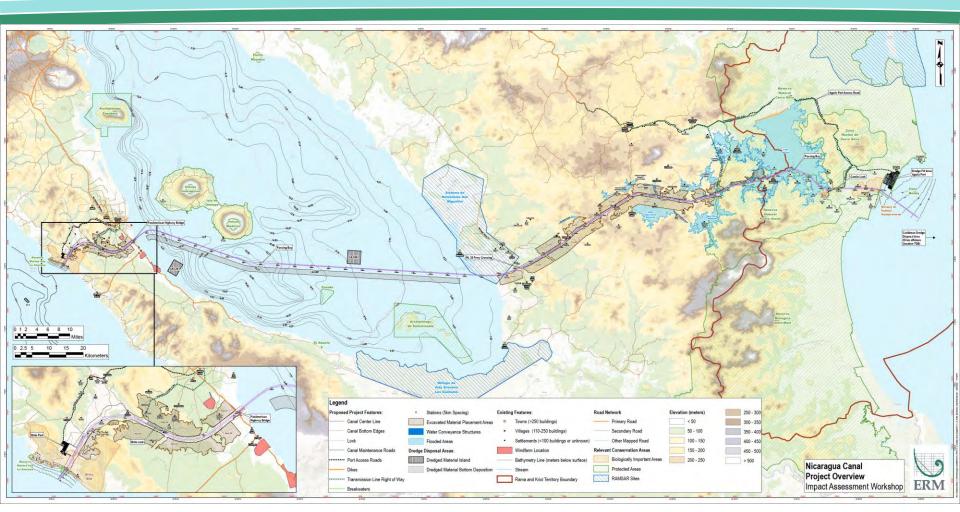
10 Km Canal Corridor for ESIA



10KM wide corridor was adopted for the ESIA & design development



Improved route alignment for the ESIA



- > This alignment addresses many environmental & social concerns
- > Excavation quantities and cost increased as a result.



Improvements to the original scheme

> Brito

- Minimize impact to the Brito Mangroves and Lagoon; preserve the mouth of the Rio Brito
- Avoid the La Anciana Marine reserve
- Preserve most of the Brito Beach turtle nesting beach
- Rivas

Minimize impact on the City

- > Tule
 - Minimize impact on the San Miguelito Wetland
 - Preserve the lower reaches of the Rio Tule
 - Avoid the township of El Tule
- Caribbean Coast
 - Minimize impact on Mesoamerican Biological Corridor
 - Minimize impact on the Caribbean Coast Palm Forest
 - Avoid impacting the lower reaches of the Rio Punta Gorda
 - Protection Zone around Booby Cayo Marine Reserve
 - No encroachment into Indio Maiz



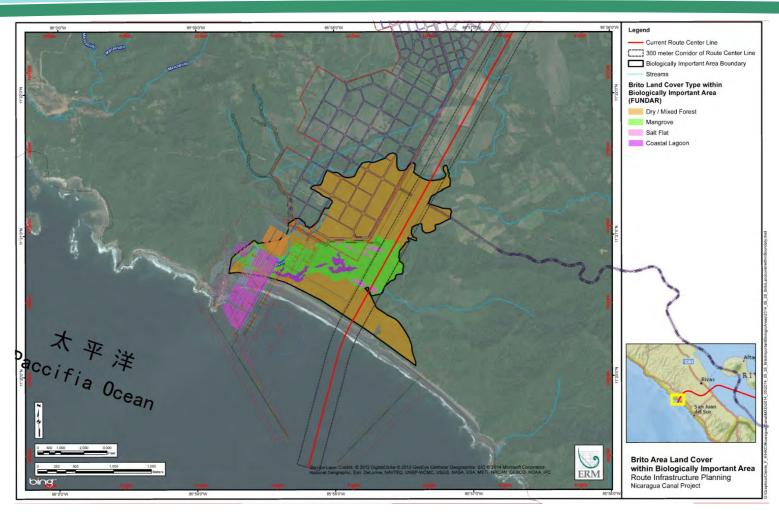
Rio Brito and Mangroves



Lower reaches of the Rio Brito and the healthy mangroves will NOT be affected



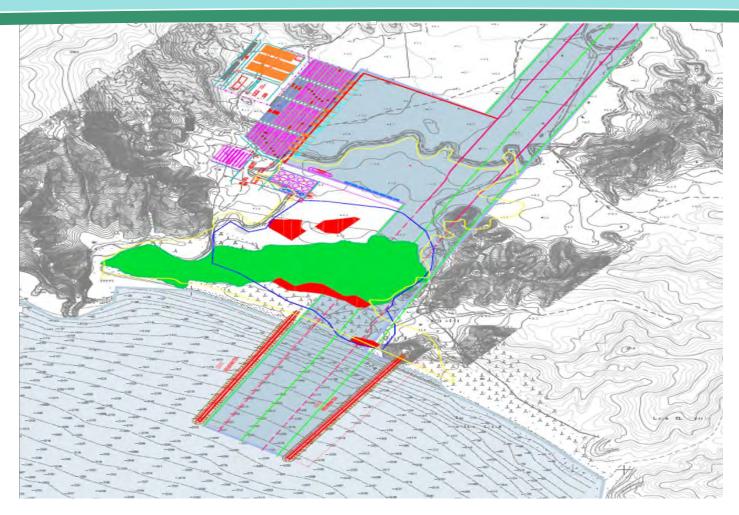
West Port - Initial ocean port design



- ➤ Significant impact on Rio Brito, Archaeological sites & Mangroves
- Large portion of turtle nesting beach impacted



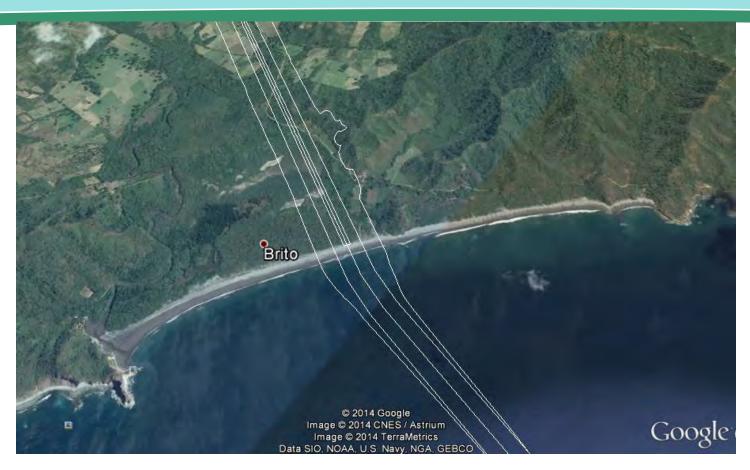
West Port – Inland port design



- Much reduced environmental and cultural impacts
- Reduced construction activity in ocean



West Canal Entrance – 1st relocated location



- Canal moved further to Southeast
- Reduced impact on Mangroves and month of Rio Brito
- Most beach preserved
- Impact on La Anciana Marine Reseve minimal



West Canal Entrance – 2nd relocated location



- Canal moved a further 250 metres to Southeast (as per Expert Committee recommendation)
- Width of Canal footprint reduced
- ➤ Mangrove lagoon avoided
- Impact on Mangroves minimized

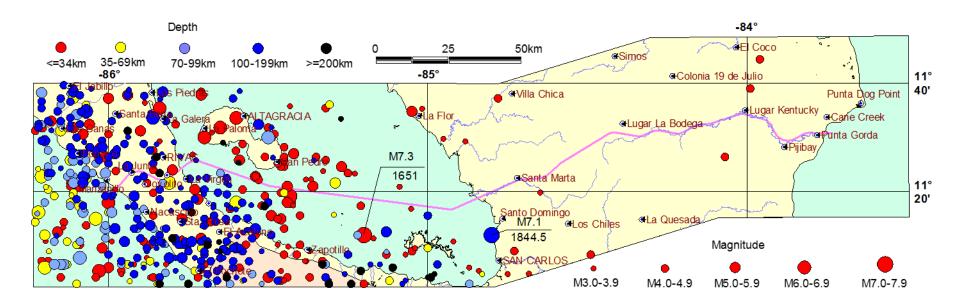


Brito will still be beautiful after Canal opens





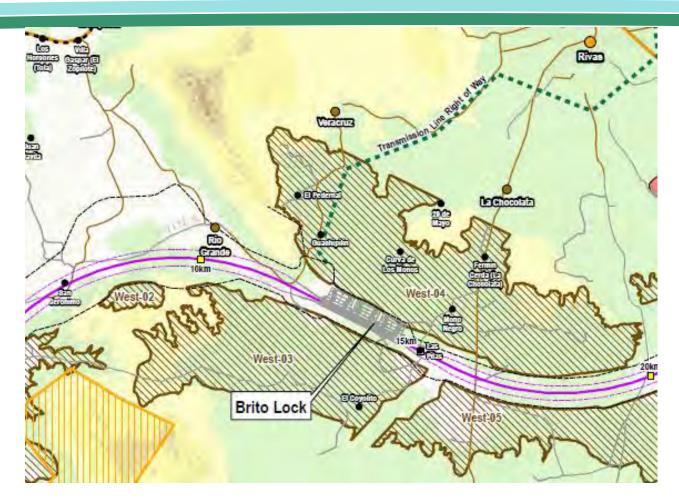
Seismic Risk



- > Rivas area is high earthquake zone
- > Earthquake affects batter stability and lock safety



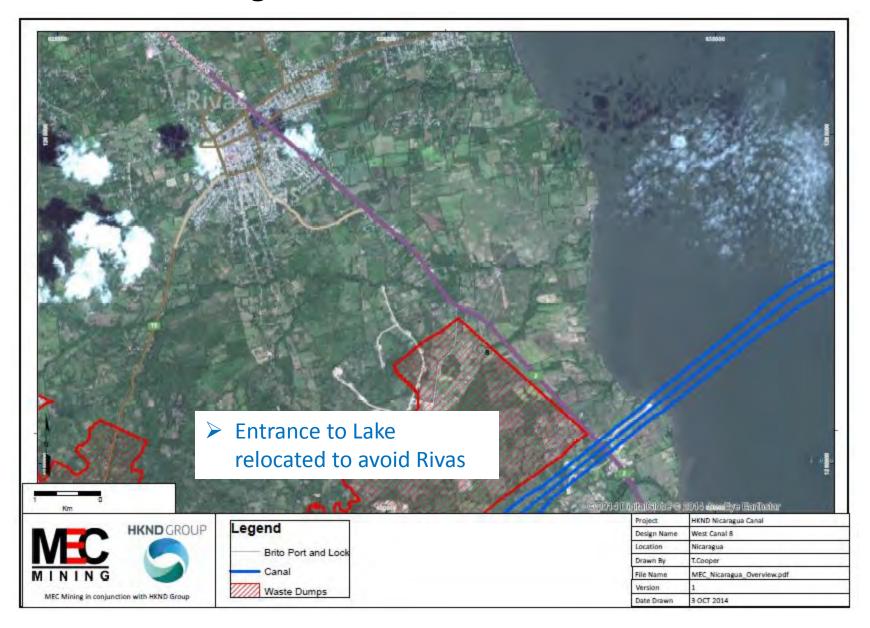
Brito Lock – seismic risk



- ➤ Lock location relocated to 13km inland
- ➤ Improved foundations, reduced Seismic & Tsunami risks



West Canal alignment moved at Rivas



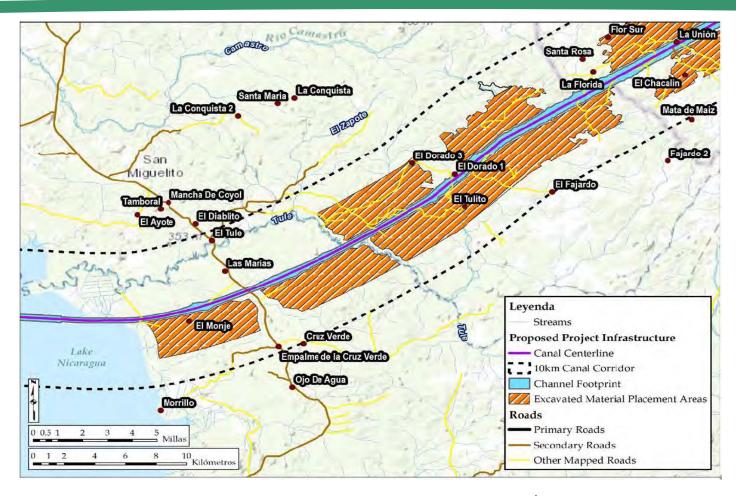
Rio Tule and San Miguelito Wetland



- Alignment relocated to minimize impact on San Miguelito Wetland (RAMSAR site)
- Preserves lower reaches of Rio Tule which is important for the wetland



Rio Tule and El Tule township



Avoiding Rio Tule and the township of El Tule added \$700 million cost



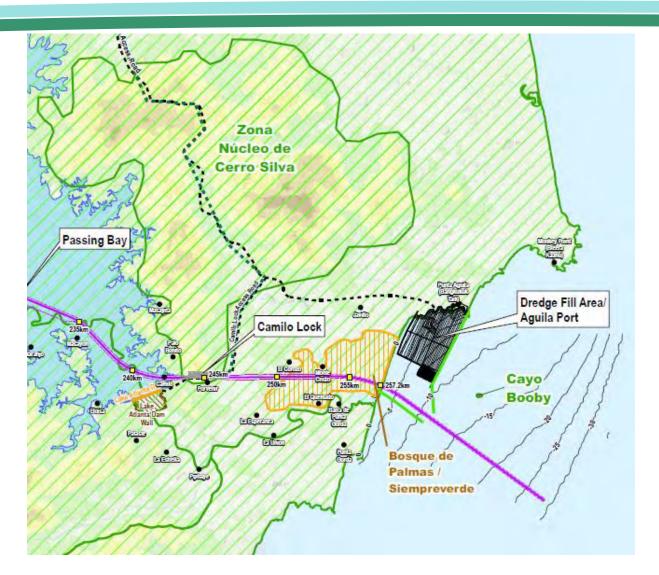
San Miguelito Wetlands currently degraded



- > Currently heavily degraded
- ➤ Major restoration program agreed



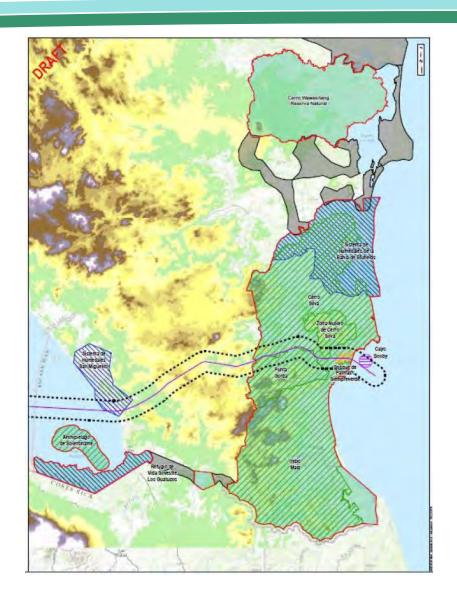
Caribbean entrance



Possible further alignment change to minimize impact on palm forests and avoid lower reaches of Rio Punta Gorda.



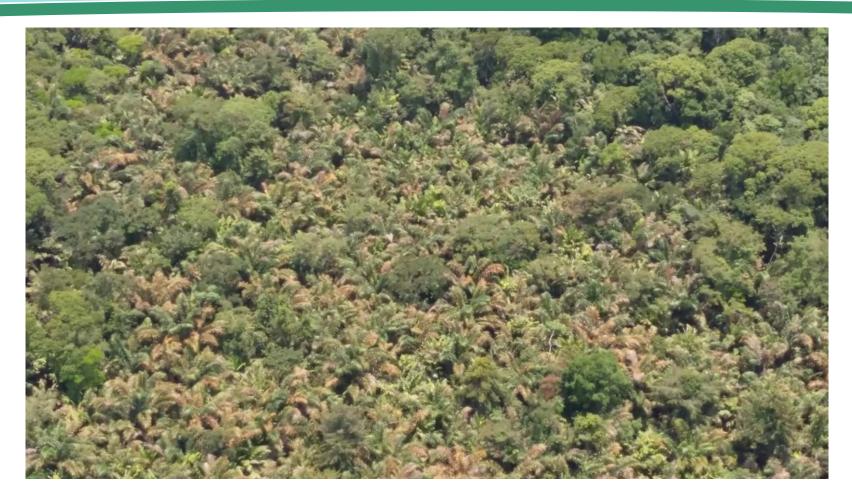
Mesoamerican Biological Corridor



- Official protected areas comprise most of MBC;
- Canal commitment to maintaining 10KM wide corridor;
- Port Aguila located offshore;
- No other development in MBC



Palm Forest



Hydraulic dredging for excavation through Palm Forest to minimize impact



Possible alignment change to reduce impact



Canal will be clear of Rio Punta Gorda until 17KM inland



Canal alignment in Caribbean



- Indio Maiz avoided completely.
- ➤ Lower reaches of Punta Gorda avoided completely

 NOTE- heavy siltation of Caribbean by sediment from Rio Punta Gorda

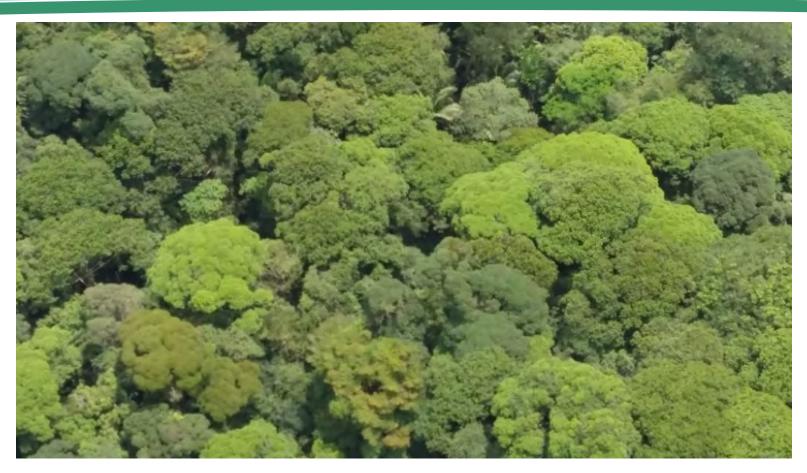


Indio Maiz and Rio Punta Gorda are quarantined





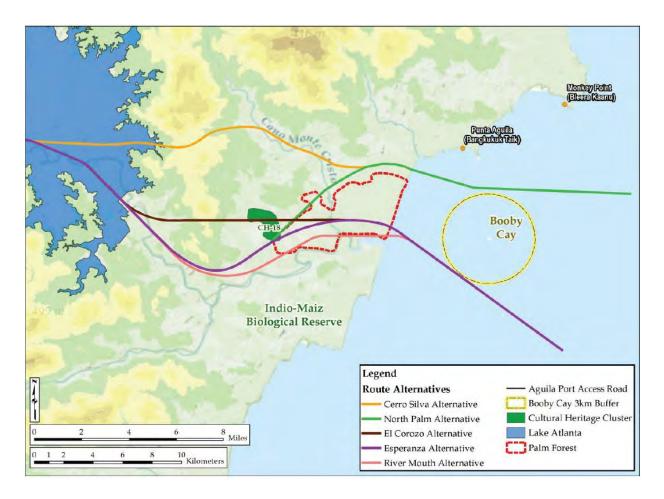
No Encroachment into Indio Maiz



- > The Canal "barrier" provides a means of protecting the Indio Maiz
- HKND and GoN to cooperate to exclude people
- ➤ The Canal does NOT encroach into Indio Maiz anywhere



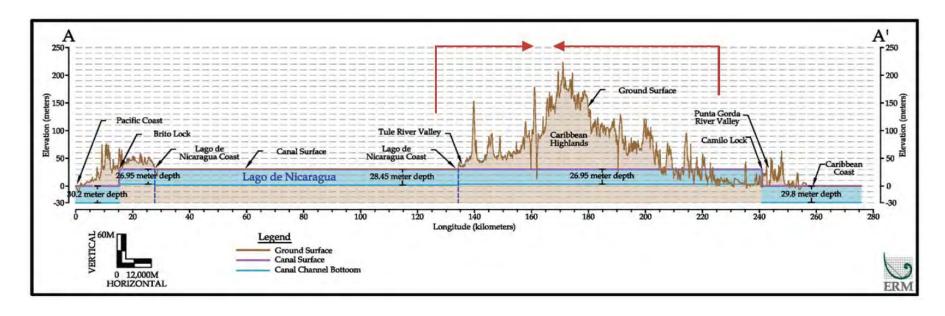
Booby Cay Reserve



3KM Booby Cay "Protection Zone"



Canal water supply principle



- No net use of water from Lake Nicaragua;
- ➤ Water loses replenished with water from Rio Punta Gorda that previously ran to Caribbean;
- Agua Zarca Reservoir provides "top-up" water for El Nino events



Lake Atlanta artificially created



- Single east lock creates large inland poundage
- Studies underway to determine if impact can be reduced



Archaeological Heritage resources









- Management Plan will create huge database of pre-Columbian resources
- Significant archaeological finds during ESIA study
- ➤ HKND commitment to protection and recovery



Archaeological Heritage sites



- Important archaeological clusters at "Brito" and "El Corozo"
- Minor finds throughout area



Archaeological Heritage artifacts







Museums to preserve artifacts and other finds



Resettlement of Affected Persons







- ➤ Less than 6,800 households will be affected and approximately 27,000 people;
- ➤ 25 Indigenous households only



Resettlement Surveys







CRCC detailed survey from July to October 2014



Social and Community Buildings recorded



Church

School





Factories recorded





Infrastructures recorded

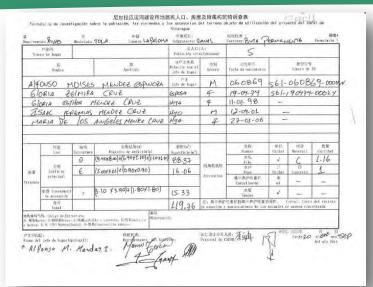








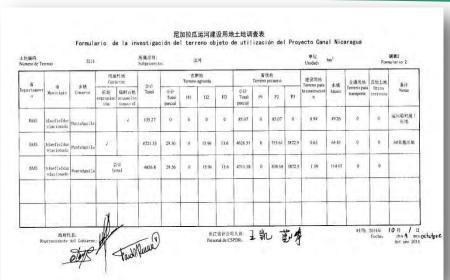
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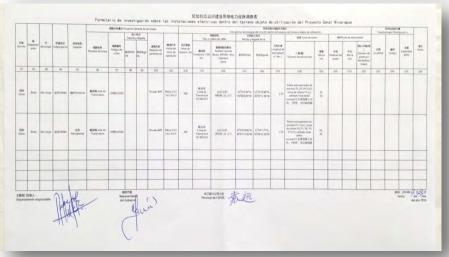
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企业、单位调查表



土地调查表



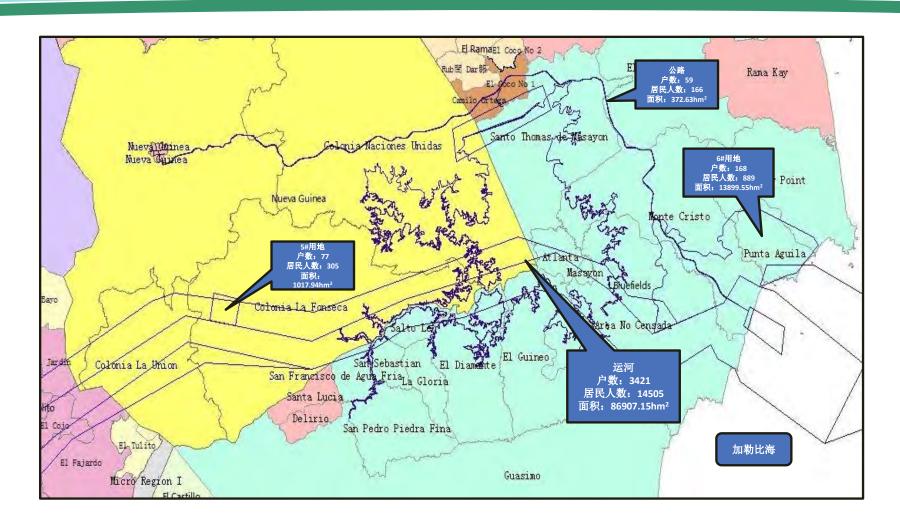
专业项目调查表

Affected People - Department of Rivas



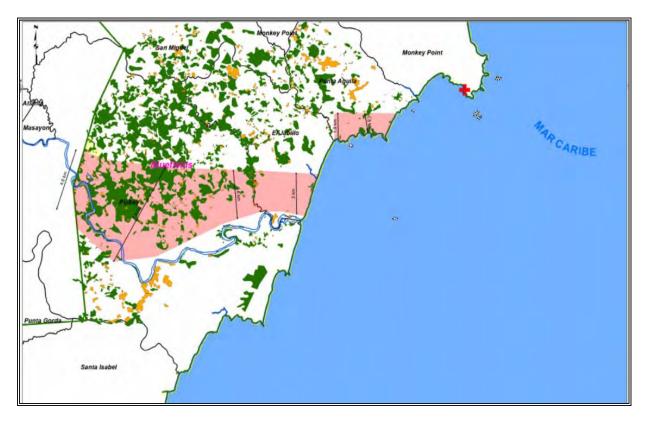


Affected People - South Atlantic Autonomous Region





Affected People - Indigenous Lands



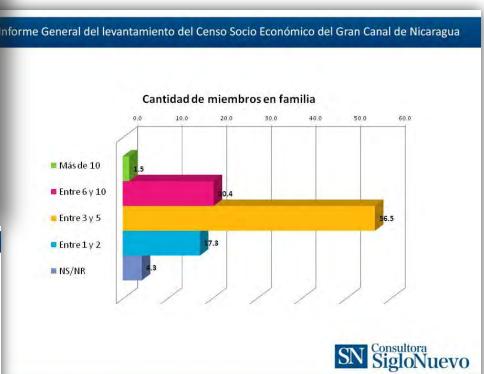
- Canal will rent26,000 Hectaresof IndigenousLand
- Total of 362householdaffected
- Only <u>25 families</u> are Indigenous
- The other 337 families are settlers

Only 25 indigenous households affected



Government census

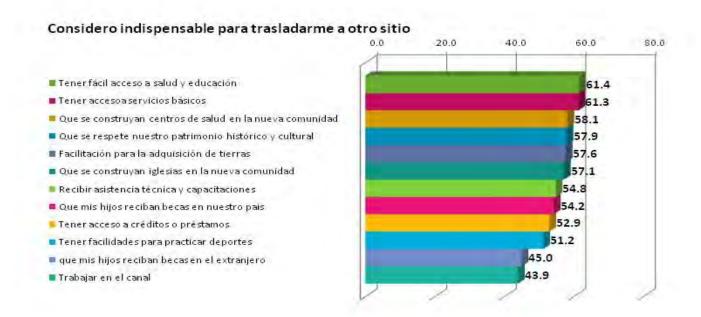






Government census

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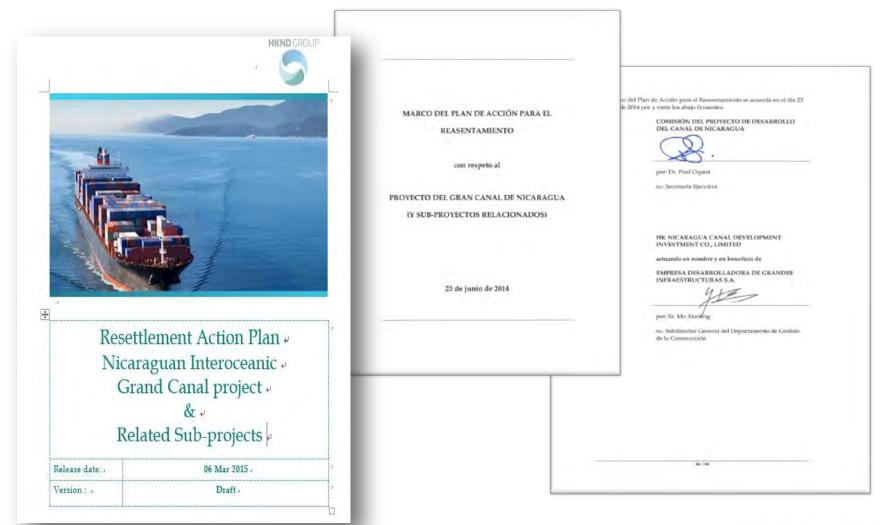


Land Expropriation Boundaries





Resettlement Action Plans





Resettlement villages proposed by GON







Surplus material disposal

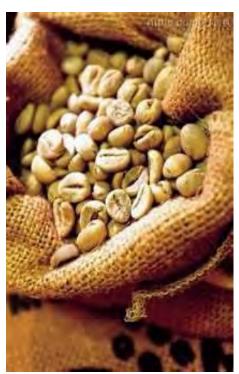


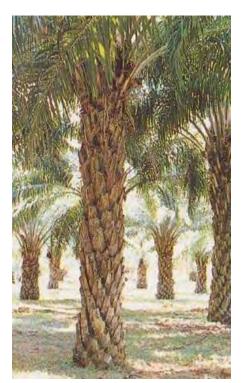
- Over 30,000 hectares of new farmland from material disposal
- ➤ Land for land exchange option is available to affected people



Livelihood Restoration







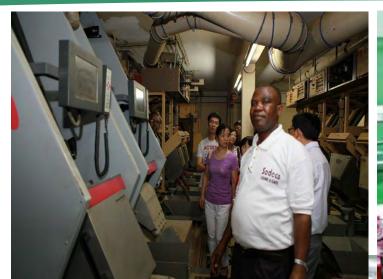




- ➤ New agricultural industry on farmland created
- Reprocessing industries to be developed



Agricultural product reprocessing





Coffee making



Meat processing

Beverage



Training and technical support



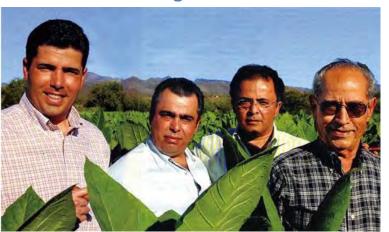
General training



Improve farming technique



Training for women



Technical advice



Industrial employment





Shipping industry





Port and Logistics



Ship Repairs

Container Transport



Positive Environmental & Social impacts

- Indio Maiz protected from encroachment
- Improvements to MBC
- Create bird reserves on Lake Nicaragua artificial islands
- Massive reforestation program
- Archaeological heritage opportunities
- Economic growth for Nicaragua
- Improved employment opportunities for all Nicaraguans
- Improved social infrastructure "roads, health, education and facilities"
- NET IMPACT IS POSITIVE



Negative Environmental & Social impacts

- Lake Atlanta
- Risk to Lake Nicaragua
- Relocation of affected people
- Clearing of some forests
- Impacts of excavation
- Encroachment on San Miguelito Wetland
- Impact on Rio Punta Gorda
- > Impacts at Brito
- Loss of farm land



Environmental offsets

- Creation of forest "corridors" with surplus excavation material
- Reforestation programs for whole Rio Punta Gorda catchment
- Reforestation to protect MBC
- Reforestation of San Miguelito wetland
- Protection of Indio Maiz from encroachment



Future studies

Studies to be completed before final design of approval and commencement of construction:

- Topography Survey
- Geotechnical & seismic risk assessment
- Acid Rock Drainage potential
- Lake Nicaragua sediment study
- Lake Nicaragua bathymetry study
- Water balance &salinity study
- Archaeological study



Further studies – Topography survey & Bathymetry



- ➤ LiDAR survey more than 4,500 KM ²
- Shallow water bathymetry of Lake Nicaragua



Stakeholder Engagement



- Improve communication with the community about project impacts and benefits
- Resettlement Action Plan communication is important



Thank You!

