

*COSTA RICA'S SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN*

*CAHUITA POINT*

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TONA INA: A LITERARY CHARACTER CREATED TO TELL STORIES,  
RE-CREATING LOCAL ANCESTRAL MYTHOLOGIES IN  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITIZENSHIP SCIENCE  
- COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY -  
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*WHO ARE THE PROTAGONISTS IN TODAY'S TONA INA  
STORY IN CAHUITA?*

YOUNG SCUBA DIVERS IN A PROJECT BORN OUT OF THE DREAM  
OF AFRO, BRIBRI AND MESTIZO YOUTH –  
SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
OF FISHERFOLK – WHO WANTED TO LEARN  
TO RELATE TO THE OCEAN IN THEIR OWN TERMS



THE COMBINATION OF IT ALL, WE CALL: CITIZENSHIP SCIENCE

IN OUR A B C D PROGRAM:

"A" IS ARCHAEOLOGY (UNDERWATER, COMMUNITY)

"B" IS BUCEO (SCUBA DIVING WITH PURPOSE)

"C" IS CORAL (CONSERVATION)

"D" DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES



IN THE EMERGENCE OF THEIR DREAM TO SCUBA DIVE IN THIS INITIATIVE, THE KEY WORD IS NEW...

EVERYTHING IN THE PROCESS HAS BEEN NEW,  
"NEW" MEANS DESIGNED BY US BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN IN OUR OWN TERMS!



**A** IN COMMUNITY UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY, WE HAVE STEWARDED A HOLISTIC APPROACH IN THE SEARCH FOR THE IDENTITY OF WHAT MIGHT BE TWO SLAVE SHIPS THAT CAME TO COSTA RICA IN 1710



**B** FOR SCUBA DIVING WITH A PURPOSE FOCUS, WE HAVE TURNED A YOUTH "SPORT" INTO A TOOL TO FIND ROOTS AND HERITAGE



**C** FOR CORAL CONSERVATION WE HAVE RECENTLY PROVIDED SCIENTIFIC PROOF THAT THE CORALS ARE REGENERATING THEMSELVES, DESPITE THE ADVERSE CONTEXT

D FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES: YOUTH HAVE DEVELOPED LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING, SEARCH AND RESEARCH, CULTURAL TOURISM, ACTIVISM IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROTECTION, CREATING NEW HOLISTIC KNOWLEDGE AND ORGANIZING AUTONOMOUSLY.



# TRAINING IN NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NAS):

## OPPORTUNITIES AND LOCAL CAPACITIES

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# THE GLOCAL CONTEXT OF THE SEARCH AND RESEARCH





WHAT IS THE CONTEXT ?



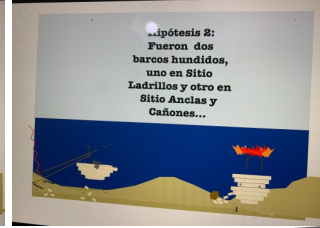
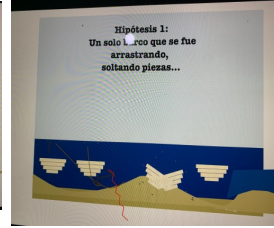
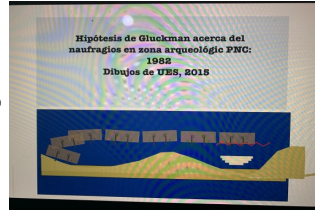
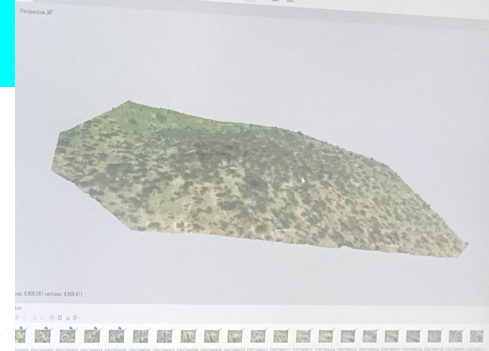
***Fredericus IV.***

EXAMPLE OF  
DANISH FRIGATES



***Christianus V.***

# 1710 DANISH SLAVE SHIPS?



1985: Gluckman (archaeologist from Texas): One or two wrecks?

2015 Univ. East Carolina (ECU)

2019: Fotogrametry with Yamafune (archaeologist Japan):

2019: Centro and Danish Museum archaeologists: 3 bricks are Flensburg

Gluckman had found one manilla in 1985.

Scuba diver Cris Weston donated this one to Cahuita in 2017, taken from the site in 1970 from CNP.



Punta Carret. English map of XVIII in Sevilla: "Carret" or "Cahue"?



2023 EXPLORATION/EXCAVATION/EXHIBITION  
SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2023  
FIND WOOD AND MORE SAMPLES OF BRICKS IN ORDER TO TRY TO FINALLY  
DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE SHIPS  
UNDER STEWARDSHIP OF AMBASSADORS OF THE SEA IN  
CO STEWARDSHIP WITH COMMUNITY, INVITED DANISH ARCHAEOLOGISTS,  
GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND OBSERVERS

**WE ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION!!!!**



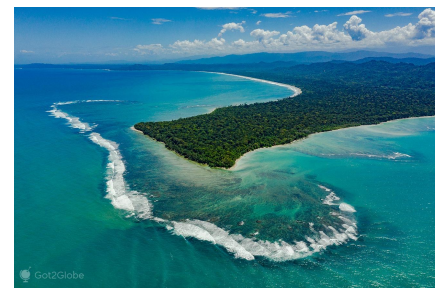


TONA INA: ITS FOUNDATIONAL STORY

2016: ORALLY TOLD IN OUR COMMUNITIES

ORIGINAL PUBLIC: YOUNG SCUBA DIVERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT WERE STARTING A SEARCH AND RESEARCH OF SUNKEN SHIPS IN THE CAHUITA NATIONAL PARK.

MOTIVATION: RECOVER AND SOCIALIZE AN UNTOLD HISTORY IN A WAY THAT INCLUDES DATA, BUT ALSO STORIES AND MYTHS – ANCESTRALLY PRESENT – TO BE TOLD TO A SOCIETY THAT HARDLY READS, THAT HARDLY BELIEVES IN ITS YOUTH AND THAT HARDLY REMEMBERS THE FOUNDATIONAL STORIES THAT GAVE ORIGIN TO THEIR PLACE AND DREAMS IN THE PLANET



WHO IS TONA INA IN THIS PROCESS?

**A LITERIARY, ANCESTRAL, MATRIARCHAL CHARACTER,  
BORN OUT OF THE SEA LIGHT  
THAT AFRO DESCENDANTS CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN SEEING FOREVER,  
CLOSE TO THE WRECK SITE IN THE CAHUITA NATIONAL PARK...  
I only gave her a name.**

