

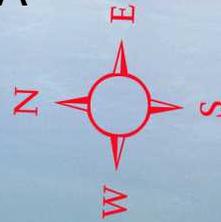
Informal information Gathered about the Pacific Coast of Columbia.

The following slides represent information provided by the Columbian Naval Pacific Surface Fleet Commander, Gustavo Angel. They represent places that are worth visiting and he feels are safe.

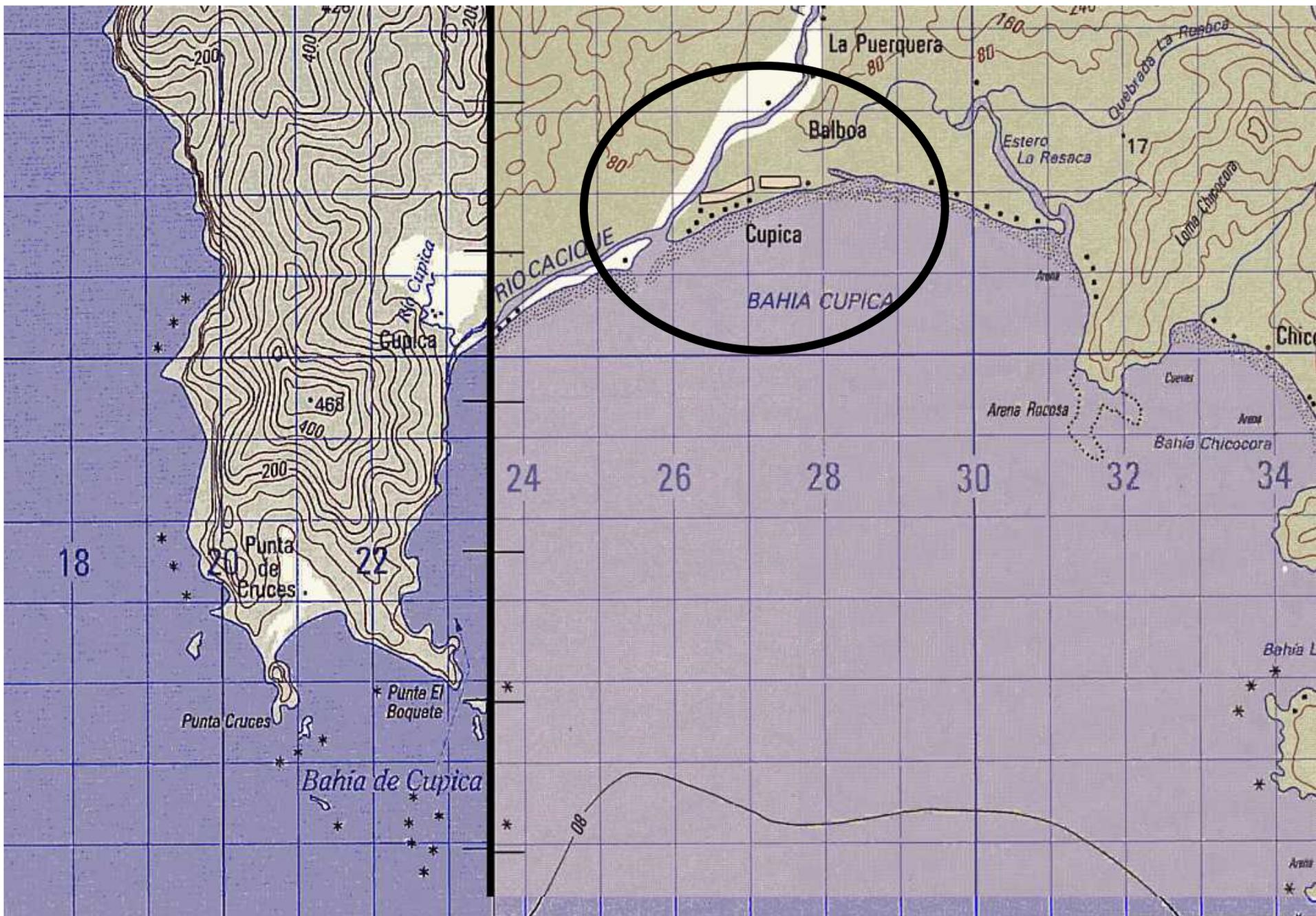
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04° 04' 48'' N
81° 43' 18'' W

04° 04' 48'' N
81° 28' 07'' W

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La isla Malpelo es la posesión insular más occidental con que cuenta el país en el Océano Pacífico.

En 1995, la isla Malpelo fue declarada por el Gobierno Nacional como Santuario de Fauna y Flora, e incluida dentro del Sistema de Parques Nacionales Naturales, en reconocimiento a su inmensa y singular riqueza biológica, la que debe ser protegida como patrimonio natural de la Nación.

En 2002, la Organización Marítima Internacional (OMI) consideró necesario proteger el medio ambiente marino del santuario y elevó sus aguas circundantes a la categoría de Área Marina Especialmente Sensible, estableciendo restricciones a la navegación.



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CONVENCIONES

 Estación de Vigilancia ARMADA NACIONAL	 Peñasco
 Boya de Amarre	 Túnel
 Tangón de Desembarque	 Línea de cota
 Bajo	

TELEFONOS Y PUNTOS DE CONTACTO

Comandante Guardacostas del Pacifico

Sede Buenaventura

Capitán de Navío Luis German Borrero Cel. 300 615 5006

Tiene a su cargo las estaciones de Guardacostas en Tumaco, Buenaventura y Bahía Solano.

Guardacostas de Tumaco.

Teniente Navio Medina . Cel 313 759 1656

Guardacostas Buenaventura.

Capitán de Corbeta Alejandro Estrada. Cel. 311 264 8324

Comandante Batallón de Infantería de Marina No 3

Sede Bahía Solano.

Teniente Coronel Becerra. Cel . 313 574 1987

Tiene a su cargo las seguridad en la parte terrestre desde Pizarro hasta frontera con Panamá.

Capitan de Puerto de Buenaventura

Capitán de Fragata Jorge Enrique Sarmiento cel. 311 531 0034. Mail: jefcp01@dimar.mil.co

Capitan de Puerto de Tumaco

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Líneas de Emergencia:

146 de guardacostas.solo de moviles.

147 GAULA (contra secuestro)

En Buenaventura hay repetidora canal 79 VHF Marino.

Tel. Satelital de Isla Malpelo: 8816 317 21542

Centro de Operaciones de la Fuerza Naval del Pacifico. Atención ciudadana 2 2460 010

Fundación Malpelo, Sandra Bessudo,. Cel. 315 358 3819 mail: sbessudo@fundacionmalpelo.org

RECOMENDACIONES

- **Solo ir a los puntos que he recomendado** con amarillo en el Mapa.
- En Malpelo se debe pedir permiso a la Capitania de Buenaventura.
- En Malpelo es profundo pero hay puntos de amarre. Es famoso el buceo para ver tiburones.
- Recomiendo ir llamando a las autoridades previamente para ir anunciando arribo y verificar la seguridad.
- En la isla Gorgona hay hotel que maneja Aviatur. Y Sandra Bessudo les puede servir de contacto. Es zona protegida.
- En mi apreciación la costa sur a excepción de gorgona no es tan espectacular como del centro al norte. El sur es netamente esteros llenos de mangles espectaculares pero usados por narcotraficantes y guerrilla para sacar Go fast y Semisumergibles así como acopiar droga.

Translation of previous slide:

- Only go to the points that I have recommended in YELLOW on the map.
- For the Is. of Malpelo you should ask permission at the Port Captain's office of Buenaventura
- Malpelo is deep, but there are points to which you can tie. It is famous for diving to see abundant sharks.
- I recommend that you call ahead to the authorities to announce your arrival and check on current security situation.
- On the Island of Gorgona there is a hotel run by Aviatur. Sandra Bessudo can be your contact at that travel and tour agency. It is a wildlife sanctuary.
- To my mind the southern coast (Pacific coast of Colombia), with the exception of Gorgona, is not as spectacular as the part from the center on northwards. The southern part has only inlets filled with spectacular mangroves but extensively used by narcotraffickers and guerillas to send out "go-fasts" and semi-submersibles packed with narcotics.

The following information is based on discussions with Leeland Miles who is the Captain Angel's brother in law and is very familiar with Colombia.

FROM LEELAND:

If there had been any stories of drug people harassing yachts, Capt. Angel would have told us. But he is clear that getting in to shore in the mangroves of southern Colombia is to get closer to lawless elements. Clearly they are not stealing sailboats to run dope, as their preference is for 'go-fasts' and semisubmersibles. But then again, there have been hardly any yachts stopping along the Col. Pacific Coast in the last several years. I don't think Tumaco would be a problem, but then skip to the places Capt. Angel shows in yellow.

Strategy: Email the Port Capt. at Tumaco with your plans/itinerary and send a copy of this to Capt. Angel at the Surface Command Center (cfsupa@bn2.armada.mil.co). If you are not going to stop in Tumaco, notify Capt. Angel of your plans/itinerary and ask him to notify the navy people in the areas you are planning to visit or approach. Capt. Angel personally created and assembled the information, so you might send him a thank you. I would follow his recommendations to stop in the indicated places on the central and northern coast, as they are spectacular, and he is an enthusiast about that area. If you are divers, go out to Malpelo.

The Colombian Coast, in part thanks to the professional efforts of Capt. Angel, is certainly better controlled now. I believe that the recommendations for stopping along the coast are an indication that things are back within "normal" security ranges in the areas he recommends. If they were concerned about the places recommended they would be 'waving you off'.

Capt. de Navío Gustavo Angel S.,
Commander of Colombia's Surface Fleet in the Pacific.

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In addition to this information, I've also contacted the Port Captain in Tumaco (the southern most port in Columbia) with regards to their current situation. Which he wrote the following reply:

Cordial Saludo,

Ha tomado una buena decisión, el municipio de Tumaco no tiene ningun problema con la Guerrilla, tiene sitios espectaculares para conocer, playas, cascadas, actividades de pesaca, buceo etc.

Me gustaria saber cuantos veleros llegarian a Tumaco, estos podrian fondear o atracar en muelle, hay hoteles adecuados para su permanencia; es una ciudad economica.

Cualquier duda estoy a la espera de sus preguntas.

Atentamente,

Capitan de Corbeta **JUAN JOSE JIMENEZ B.**

Capitan de Puerto de Tumaco

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This translates to:

You have made a good decision. The municipal of Tumaco never had problems with guerrillas and there are many spectacular sites to see: beaches, waterfalls, fishing and diving.

I would like to know when sailboats arrive in Tumaco, they can anchor or tie up at the warf. There are hotels adapted for your stay here; it's an economic city.

I'm waiting for your questions if you have any doubts.