

Santa Barbara, September 27, 2024

The Honorable Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum,
President of Mexico

Dear President Sheinbaum,

Please accept our warmest congratulations on your new administration. We are aware of your unwavering commitment to the environment, and we trust that you will promptly address the critical issues we outline.

The environmental group BALLENASoGAS in Mexico has denounced the Saguaro Project, proposing a liquefied natural gas terminal in Puerto Libertad, Sonora, Mexico. This project will involve continuous transit of large tankers through the Gulf of California, causing severe damage to habitats of whales, dolphins, and thousands of marine species, as well as impacting coastal communities.

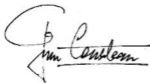
When we first navigated this wonderful place, my father, Jacques Y. Cousteau, called it "The World's Aquarium". It's a sanctuary where whales feed, breed, and migrate. It's a vital part of our blue sphere, increasingly polluted and vulnerable to climate change.

Over the past four years, the construction of the Maya Train in the Yucatan Peninsula, particularly in Quintana Roo, has sparked protests led by groups like Selvamedeltren and SelvaMayaSOS, comprising environmentalists, academics, communicators, and citizens. These groups have highlighted the crucial importance of environmental impact studies to prevent damage to the jungle, ecosystem, and cenotes.

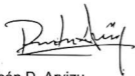
In solidarity with these actions, Ocean Futures has sent several letters to top Mexican authorities, published in numerous Mexican and international media outlets.

We are confident that you will assume leadership in defending the environment, for without it, there is no life or future for humanity.

Sincerely



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