



Indigenous and Afrodescendants on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua



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The Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua encompasses half of the country.

It has 80% of the natural resources and an enormous potential for development.

However, it is one of the poorest regions of the country and has been excluded from many development public policies.



Ethnicity

Most of the Indigenous and Afrodescendants communities live in the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua.

Many have lost their language and are being assimilated by the mestizo culture.

Still we are struggling to rescue and vindicate Indigenous and Afrodescendants culture and Language. Autonomy law



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Social and Economical Development



The Autonomous Regions remains markedly isolated in regards to the rest of the country:

- Limited social and productive investments.
- Limited transports and communications infrastructure.
- Poor articulation of the regional productive structure, citizen insecurity.
- Low coverage of basic services, and a still fragile institutional framework

Social and Economical Development

Suffered from the lack of service and basic living conditions: education, health, access to safe drinking water, sanitation, energy, others.

Represents one of the last roadless and isolated areas of Central America, a condition that has contributed to its wildness and has hampered its economic development.



Social and Economical Development

Three fourths (73.6 to 75%) of the population of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast lives in situations of poverty and extreme poverty. The employed workforce earns very low wages that merely cover half the of cost of the basic consumer basket.



What is needed?

- Real Autonomy: Desentralization from Central Government.
- Development in our communities: health, education, work opportunities.
- Full control of our natural resources
- Better future for Indigenous and Afrodescendant people: Live with dignity

Tank yu!!

