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The Culmination of a TCD Practitioner Project and Insights Regarding Ecotourism in the Isla Juan Venado Reserve, Nicaragua

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Biography:
Carrie is a PhD student in Interdisciplinary Ecology with a focus in fisheries and aquatic sciences. Due to her interest in tropical ecology as well as Central and South America, she is also pursuing a TCD certificate. She earned a B.S. from University of New Hampshire in Marine and Freshwater Biology and a Masters from UMASS Boston in Marine Science and Technology. Her dissertation work is focused on trying to measure in situ filtration rates of oysters and their subsequent control on phytoplankton in the Guana Talamato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM NERR), as well as exploring ways to append economic value to those services.
The presentation will serve as the culmination of a TCD practitioner grant Carrie received. The purpose of the project was to develop and print an ecotourism brochure for the Isla Juan Venado Nature Reserve in Nicaragua. Carrie will discuss some details regarding the reserve's story including management and community involvement, the interaction between UF and the reserve, and some of her own insights from the project. She will also share an interesting story about a small reserve, how they struggle to meet management objectives and goals while staying afloat, and the ways they engage the community while doing so.

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