

# Coiba: From Prison to Natural Preserve

An exhibition illustrating Coiba's biodiversity and wild beauty

Please join us to celebrate the exhibition opening and support Coiba National Park

**Location:** Riande Granada Urban Hotel, Panama City

**Date:** 5 – 8 pm, August 27

**Schedule:** 5pm happy hour; 6pm opening remarks; 6.30pm short film

**Selection of prints will be on display for and available for purchase**

Coiba Island, Central America's largest uninhabited island spanning 500 square kilometers, is a truly unique place with many endemic and rare species. Coiba was a penal colony for nearly a century until 2007, a quirk of history that has left this natural treasure undeveloped. Covered by lush tropical rainforest and located in the rich Pacific Ocean, Coiba offers a living example of the diverse ecosystems that once prevailed throughout this part of the world - a time capsule of high conservation value.

A team of photographers and scientists from around the world has spent the last two years documenting and describing Coiba's astounding biodiversity and landscapes. To date, they completed four expeditions, including two with an international team of taxonomists. Their goal is to raise awareness about Coiba's unique ecosystem within Panama and internationally in support of Coiba National Park.

**Exhibition schedule:** August 21 – 27, Multiplaza, Plaza del Mar  
August 28 – September 3, Metromall, Gran Plaza

**Opening remarks:** 4pm, August 24, Multiplaza, Plaza del Mar

**Hours:** Open during regular mall hours