

Planet Ocean Underwater Hotels Proposes Partnership to End Labor Crisis and Bring Prosperity to Bocas del Toro

Transformative partnership to end Chiquita crisis, create 6,100+ jobs, and drive \$5B in eco-tourism via underwater hotels and a Dubai Hamdan Harmony Runway.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In the wake of a devastating labor crisis that has seen Chiquita [Panama](#) lay off 7,000 workers in Bocas del Toro, Planet Ocean Underwater Hotels, LLC, led by visionary entrepreneur Tony Webb, is proposing a historic partnership to restore peace, create employee-owned jobs, and drive long-term prosperity. A proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) unites Costa Rica, Panama, the Dubai Investment Development Agency (Dubai FDI), BlackRock, Inc., Emirates Airlines, [Copa Airlines](#), the Bocas del Toro Chamber of Commerce, the Bocas Banana Cooperative, and sister cities Houma and Morgan City, Louisiana, in a vision inspired by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Crown Prince of Dubai.

The MOU, to be discussed with Costa Rica's Minister of Public Works and Transport, Luis Amador Jiménez, and

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Underwater Hotel**

Planet Ocean Underwater Hotel LOGO



50 USA states partnered with 50 Nations



Top View of Planet Ocean Underwater Hotel

Minister of Tourism, William Rodríguez López, on June 17, 2025, calls for a \$1,000,000 investment from both Costa Rica and Panama, each receiving 20% of net profits. This 50/50 partnership will transform Bocas del Toro and a planned site in Costa Rica into global eco-tourism hubs, supported by the Hamdan Harmony Runway and a multilingual mobile app.



Side View Planet Ocean Underwater Hotel ON SURFACE

Addressing the Chiquita Crisis:

The recent strikes, sparked by pension reforms, have crippled Bocas del Toro's economy, with \$75 million in losses and 900,000 boxes of bananas not exported. The Planet Ocean Underwater Hotels project offers a solution by:

Creating 6,100–7,500 employee-owned jobs through the Bocas Banana Cooperative and tourism, reducing labor issues for Chiquita.

Generating \$5 billion in tourism revenue by 2029, diversifying the economy and stabilizing the workforce.

Supporting Chiquita's desire to remain in Bocas del Toro by integrating workers into a cooperative model, fostering peace and collaboration.

The Hamdan Harmony Runway: A new 12,000-foot runway in Changuinola, built on flat banana plantation land, will accommodate long-haul flights (e.g., Emirates A380s and Copa Airlines 737s), create thousands of local jobs, and position Bocas del Toro as a future spaceport by 2045. With 85% Ngäbe workforce representation and \$17–\$25 million reinvested into education and health, the runway ensures inclusive prosperity for Bocas del Toro and neighboring provinces.

Global Reach through Innovation: A multilingual mobile app will promote the U.S. Patent Design movable underwater hotels, featuring the world's most spectacular nighttime plankton bioluminescence experiences, a global raffle tied to cooperative bananas, and iconic 4x4 tourism routes, driving millions of visitors to Bocas del Toro and Costa Rica.

Next Steps: Tony Webb will virtually meet Costa Rican officials on June 17, 2025, and will travel to Panama from June 14–21, 2025, to engage stakeholders, including the Panamanian Ministry of Tourism and Aris Pimentel of the Bocas del Toro Chamber of Commerce. This partnership offers a once-in-a-century opportunity to end the labor crisis, support Chiquita's continued presence, and transform the region into a global eco-tourism leader.

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