



PRESENTATION NARROW WATER SAN BENITO POITE TOURISM COMMITTEE

Background

The ancient city of Pusilha, located in the extreme southern corner of Toledo District, was one of the first Maya sites in Belize to be subject to intensive archaeological exploration.

Early investigators discovered more than 20 stelae, zoomorphic altars, and ceramics that suggested strong ties with Copan and Quirigua.

97% Kekchi Mayan

Located in southern Belize in the Maya Mountain range.

One of the remote villages in southern Belize in the Toledo District.

No electricity (off the main grid)

Farming community



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Trabajando por el Desarrollo Indígena
Q'ats'ij n' Utz' K'at'el

PROJECT SIGN

SUB-PROYECTO: Tdute h'a (Narrow Water)

Ejecutado por: San Benito Poite
Tourism Committee

Proyecto de desarrollo del Fondo Indígena, cofinanciado por la República
Federal de Alemania a través del KfW



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History

Pusilhá is an archaeological site in Belize. Pusilha, was a small Classic Maya city with a population of about 7,000. Despite its modest size, Pusilha is second only to Caracol in the number of known inscriptions in Belize. One of the very first sites in the country subject to professional exploration, Pusilha remained relatively unknown and understudied until 2001. Archaeological fieldwork conducted at the site between 2001 and 2008, focusing on burials and caches associated with eight excavated structures. Among these is a royal tomb whose occupant has been tentatively identified in the hieroglyphic record along with inscriptions of Pusilha and present a full dynastic account for the kings and queen who ruled the site between AD 571 and 798.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

To construct guesthouse with 5 rooms with a bathroom facility

To upgrade a hammock bridge for easier access to the archaeological site and to farm lands.

Provide training for the members of the San Benito Poite Tourism committee. 2 tour guides for the national tour guide training and 10 members on hospitality.

Construction of a kitchen

Purchase and installation of solar panel to light the guest house

Purchase of tourism equipment (kayaks, life vests, paddles)

Maintaining access trail to Pusilha Mayan Site

Development of webpage for San Benito Poite Tourism Committee



Solar panel on
guest house
and equipment



Solar Energy Panels



Installed Solar Panels



Cable bridge before repair

Cable bridge after repair



Hospitality training

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Guest house with bathroom and kitchen



RESULTS

A guesthouse constructed with a bathroom facility and an septic tank.

A hammock bridge upgraded

2 tour guides trained under the national tour guide training course to be certified and 10 members trained on hospitality.

Two 235 watt solar panels, 2 batteries, 1 controller and one 1500 power inverter in place to light the guest house.

Website developed (www.tdutehabelize.com)

9 D.C fans purchase

1 kitchen constructed (16x24 ft) and equipped (tables, chairs, kitchen utensils)





PRESENTATION

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