



Farm Tours at Yucatán

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At World Aquaculture 2021 from May 24 to 27, 2022, you will be able to meet productive units in the state of Yucatan and enjoy an afternoon in Celestún.

May 28 will be the day you will be able to learn about the productive and research units that the state of Yucatan has to offer.

The tour begins in the city of Mérida and will take you to various places.

1. Ix Cay of Santa Maria Acu, Halacho

Aquaculture production unit located in the town of Santa María Acú, municipality of Halachó, created in 2005 by a group of six Mayan-speaking women. To date, the unit remains a rural production company operated by the partners, husbands and children. For 16 years the unit has been planting and cultivating tilapia, which is marketed in the state and in the Riviera Maya. In 2021, the unit reported a production of 31 tons of tilapia.

2. Aquaculture Garza, Tetiz

Acuícola Garza is an innovative company in the use of emerging technologies for the sector. Implementing friendly systems with the environment, which allows production without the use of chemicals or medications. Specialists mainly in the production of Tilapia, a species with which it seeks to support healthy nutrition programs and is considered an alternative for fishing overexploited species. The Production Unit has the following infrastructure: 65 geomembrane tanks, state-of-the-art aeration equipment, research area, water quality laboratory, and accommodation.

3. UNAM-SISAL

The UAS Sisal Academic Unit belonging to UNAM, is one of the most prestigious universities in Latin America, with laboratories and research areas equipped with the best technology, which allow an experiential and professional experience in each of the study areas: program of research in marine fish farming, marine shrimp farming, octopus farming and PIECEMO ornamental organisms.

Research program Marine fish farming - In this area you can find broodstock and juveniles of marine fish of commercial interest. Research focuses on the development and adaptation of technologies for its cultivation.



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Marine shrimp research program – The area of the marine shrimp program, we will find from the larval laboratory, maturation areas with broodstock, to fattening with state-of-the-art technologies such as BIOFLOC technology.

Octopus cultivation research program – Considered the first laboratory for the production of the Mayan Octopus Octopus worldwide. The octopus farming laboratory focuses on research into the physiology of nutrition, immunology and, of course, the development of technological packages for their cultivation.

PIECEMO – The research program in ecology and cultivation of ornamental marine species, whose objective is to develop a center for research, cultivation and commercialization of ornamental marine species is recognized nationally and internationally. It has a modern structure that includes wet laboratories, live food production area, external tanks, as well as analytical and imaging laboratories.

4. Tourism in Celestun

Eco-tourist paradise in the state of Yucatan. Its exceptional landscape is part of the world heritage of the special biosphere reserve of the same name; with an area of 59,139 ha., and a length of 21 km., officially declared a wildlife refuge since 1979. There will be the possibility of choosing between a tour by boat or kayaks (difference in price).

For those interested in participating in these tours, you must register at <https://www.was.org/Meeting/Registration/Submit/WA2021> with an additional cost than the registration fee for WA2021 – Mérida.

The World Aquaculture 2021 – Mérida will be the reunion of everyone around the most important issues in aquaculture. Submission of abstracts is open to all until April 10, in the same way that the sale of commercial stands continues. All information can be found at www.was.org

It should be remembered that there is a special discount on the registration fee until April 15.

For more information about the event, consult the www.was.org page or contact Carolina Amézquita, at email: carolina@was.org, or at mario@marevent.com, with Mario Stael for commercial stands.