

12th International Conference on Artificial Reefs and Related Aquatic Habitats

CARAH COLOMBIA 2025

Dr Jorge Ramos was a keynote speaker at the 12th International Conference on Artificial Reefs and Related Aquatic Habitats (CARAH). Since the first conference held in the United States in 1974, this was the 12th edition of CARAH, which was simultaneously celebrating 50 years of existence.

This edition was carried out in Pozos Colorados, on the outskirts of the city of Santa Marta (Colombia), a port city located on the Caribbean Sea with a very peculiar climate (tropical savannah) and at the foot of the highest mountain in the world in a coastal area (Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta), and culturally diverse with indigenous communities around (<https://colombia.co/turismo/santamarta>).

Following a book published by IGI Global entitled “Impact of Artificial Reefs on the Environment and Communities”, where Jorge was the editor, collaborations were reborn and evolved, allowing a good connection with this conference. In addition to the main presentation, in which he showed some results of the recently concluded SEARM-FIT project, Jorge also contributed as a moderator. The conference also featured the participation of Ana Madiedo, a Colombian scholarship holder (CinTurs) who gave a presentation linked to the project and her master's thesis defended in December 2024.

Family photo at the end of CARAH



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Jorge chairing a session



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Early morning after breakfast and before morning sessions. Keynote speakers: left Jeremy Claisse (US), centre Jorge Ramos (Portugal), and right Ilana Zalmon (Brazil)



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