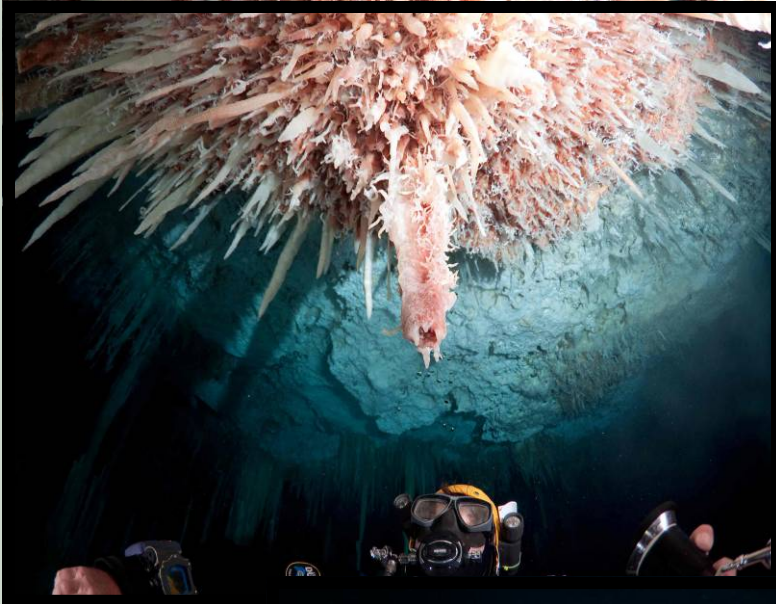


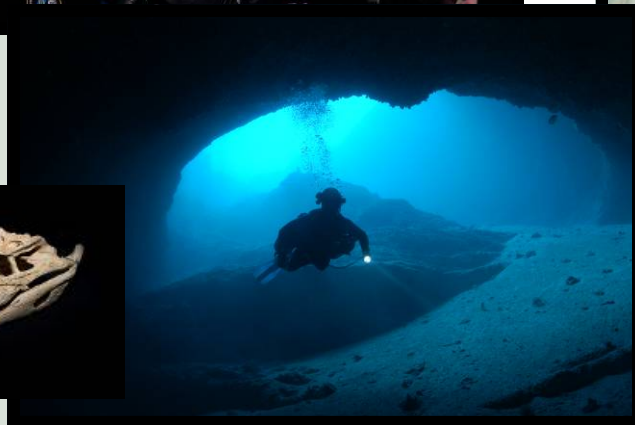
# TOWN MEETING RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF BLUE HOLES IN THE BAHAMAS



**When: 7 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

**Where: Bahamas National Trust ,  
The Retreat Gardens, Village Road,  
Nassau**

**Why: Proposed protection of blue  
holes on Abaco, with discussion on  
a national conservation effort.**



The Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation/National Museum of the Bahamas has partnered with the Bahamas Caves Research Foundation, Friends of the Environment and the Bahamas National Trust in a large scale conservation proposal of 4 known blue holes containing more than 9 miles of underwater passages located on Southern Abaco. These amazing sites are considered the most highly decorated underwater caves in the world, and explorers and scientists have discovered the fossilized remains of the ancient animals that once roamed the islands of the Bahamas, long before man ever set foot here.

The sites are currently the primary focus of a National Geographic/Nova one hour documentary, as well as an upcoming feature article in National Geographic Magazine. The purpose of this presentation is to enlighten the general public about current conservation efforts for the protection of these highly sensitive windows into ancient Abaconian history and create dialog among stakeholders, both from Abaco as well as nation wide. Please join us to discuss your interest and concerns.

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