

It's a Park

The purpose of the park is to protect and preserve the marine environment, and the area of influence surrounding the park.

The area of influence, which includes the beaches and dunes, surround the marine park at every shoreline on the mainland.

This brochure explains the role of the National Park in the protection of the area between the high tide line on the sea of Cortez and the private property of the Loreto Bay community (HOA)



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Loreto and the Loreto Bay National Marine Park

The Beach



What is “The Beach”

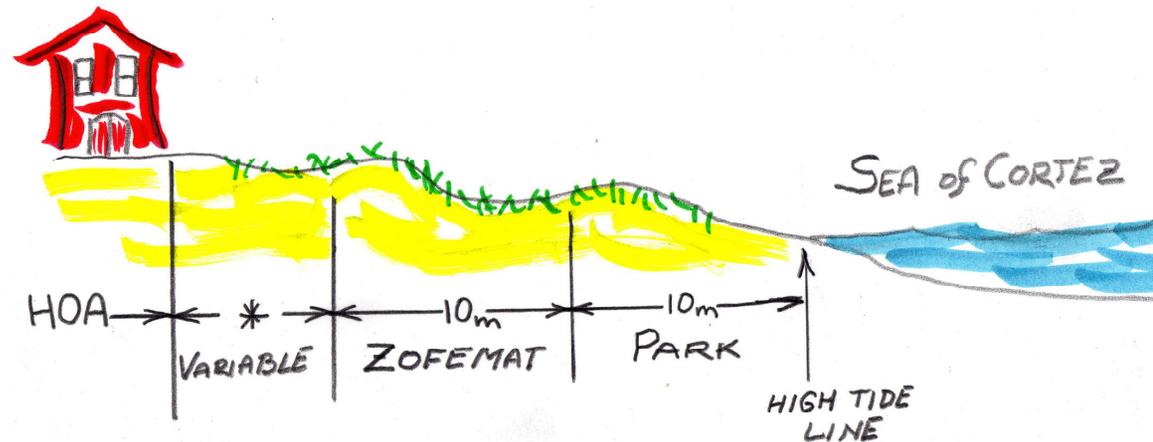
Generally speaking, the beach is the area of land between the high tide line of the Sea of Cortez and the edge of private property. In Mexico all land adjacent to the Ocean is protected from development for a distance of 20m from the high tide line plus all land up to the edge of private property. The amount of land between the edge of the ZOFEMAT area and private property can be quite variable—several meters in some cases yet in others much less, or even non-existent.

All that land falls under the protection of the Mexican Department of the Environment and Natural Resources—SEMARNAT. In cases such as for the Loreto Bay National Marine Park, the first 10m of that land are officially part of the National Park—CONANP— and since they are part of SEMARNAT they also have delegated authority over the rest of what we call the beach.

The beach is public property—anyone can use it as long as the use does not violate the environmental protection laws of Mexico. It is illegal to remove native plants and also illegal to introduce non-native or invasive species to this land.

Since it is a Park, admission fees apply. Full time residents who live adjacent to the PARK do not need to pay entry fees, but anyone who is in Mexico on a tourist visa must pay either the daily fee (90 pesos) or buy an annual pass (1500 pesos).

Diagram of “The Beach” in Loreto Bay



Beachfront homes and “The Beach”

Buying beachfront property does not mean you own the beach nor can you restrict people from swimming or using the beach in front of your home. It is important to understand that obstructing public property, such as blocking or interfering with people’s access to the beach can result in heavy fines and in cases of repeat offenses, jail time.

What are the Park Rules for “The Beach”

Park rules vary from location to location. There is a brochure which has been published in both English and Spanish which explains the rules for the Loreto Bay Marine Park. Our “Friends of the Loreto Bay National Marine Park” are in regular contact with the management of the park on what’s happening in Loreto Bay to help identify and resolve mutual concerns,