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New Galapagos Fishing Lodge

Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts expands its operation to the Galapagos.

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Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts plans to open its newest lodge in the

Galapagos Islands. Marine artist and angler Guy Harvey announced that his Outpost Resorts company has teamed up with two separate Ecuadorian owner groups to plant Outpost flags on the islands of San Cristobal and Isabela in the Galapagos archipelago, located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador.

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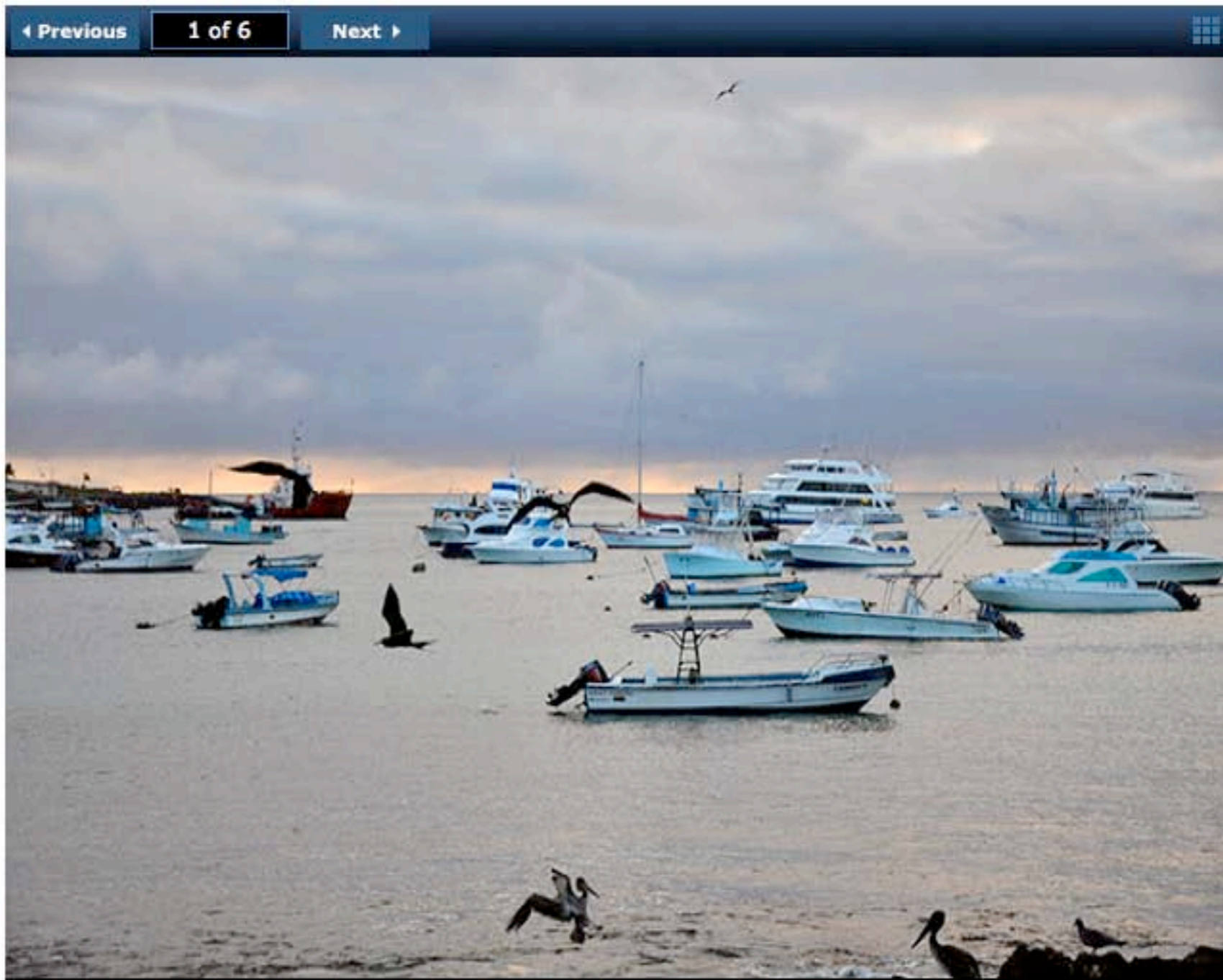
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"I know of no other tourism company operating in the Galapagos that has a scientist and conservation authority as its chairman, and a



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research institute as a brand partner," said company co-founder and president Mark Ellert, who recently returned from meetings with the Galapagos Park director. "For these reason the park sees our interest in the Galapagos as a game changer."

The Galapagos Islands offer quick access to some of the best striped marlin fishing grounds on the planet.

Guy Harvey Outpost will open a 30-unit eco-lodge on San Cristobal, the easternmost island in the Galapagos.

On San Cristobal, the easternmost island, the company will open a new 30-unit eco-lodge on a highlands site with panoramic vistas of the Pacific Ocean and a foreground of open fields through which giant Galapagos turtles roam. It will be branded the "Guy Harvey Outpost Lodge, Galapagos Islands" and is expected to open in

early 2016.

While the new lodge is under construction, Guy Harvey Outpost is working with the recently opened Iguana Crossing boutique hotel, located on Isabella Island, approximately 100 miles to the west. Ranked the top lodging property in the Galapagos by TripAdvisor, this 14-unit contemporary styled hotel sits beachside in the shadow of the Wolf Volcano in the settlement of Puerto Villamil, with a population of some 2,200. As the westernmost settlement in the Galapagos, its harbor is a popular stop for private yachts traveling to the southern Pacific.

"As a passionate sport fisherman and SCUBA diver, I immediately understood the exposure and opportunities Guy Harvey and his Outpost hotel brand will create for the Galapagos and our Iguana Crossing hotel," said developer Felipe Trujilo.

With a landscape dominated by the Sierra Negra that rises to 5,600 feet above sea level, Isabela is the only natural penguin habitat in the northern hemisphere and offers diverse scuba diving experiences.

The Galapagos archipelago consists of approximately 120 islands and rock outcroppings spread over 17,000 square miles of water. Designated a national park in 1959, the Galapagos today has a current population of approximately 25,000. Strictly regulated and limited by the Ecuadorian government, development is restricted to four islands. Cruise and live-aboard ships are limited to 100 passengers and visitation is restricted to 116 designated visitor sites, of which 54 are land and 62 are SCUBA/snorkel sites.

The Galapagos and surrounding waters are one of the world's foremost eco-tourism destinations, and the inspiration for Charles Darwin's Theory of Natural Selection.

In keeping with its mission of supporting sustainable tourism, The Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts is working with the Parks department to develop a program to improve sustainable fishing skills of the island's many artisanal fisherman, while simultaneously working with tourism officials to develop hospitality service training programs for aspiring recreational sportfishing and diving operators.

"The Outpost motto is 'From the Oceans, Comes Life'," said Harvey. "In meetings with department staff, elected officials and local residents we've underscored our intent to conduct and showcase scientific research and sustainability practices that will protect this important yet fragile wildlife ecosystem resource. By keeping it healthy, both our guests and our friends here in the Galapagos can enjoy a life of great experiences that this ocean has to offer."

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