

Dive into one of Costa Rica's most popular tourist destinations, where jungle meets sand. Situated on the northeast Caribbean coast of Costa Rica, Tortuguero is defined by its dense rainforest habitat and meandering waterways, which make it an ideal home for an array of colorful wildlife species. Notably, the beaches around Tortuguero are key nesting sites for many of the world's most endangered species of sea turtle.

However, the ecological footprint left by the thousands of visitors is drastically growing along with a local population that is riding the economic wake of the tourism industry. Consequently, with increasing pressure on the natural environment, foreign organizations are faced with the challenge of finding a balance between development and conservation. The film sets the stage for discussion on the role of education and community involvement and is intended to reveal the interconnectivity between the social, economic, and environmental ingredients required for achieving a sustainable future.

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