

The Pearl Cays belong to the 10 communities
of indigenous and African descent of the
Pearl Lagoon Basin



The Pearl Cay
islands at issue:



Crawl, Lime,
Wild Cane, Baboon,
Water, Grape, and
Vincent

The Pearl Cays are not private
property...

Art. 642 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Nicaragua
since 1905 established that:

*“the islands that are formed in the seas
adjacent to the coast of Nicaragua and
in the navigable and floatable rivers,
belong to the State”*

“La Prensa” 8-10-2001

Access is permitted here “only with authorization” indicated on the English sign posted to the tree trunk.



The sales should be VOID....

the inscriptions contradicting the authority of the State...**are invalid** and their cancellation can be requested **at any time** before the Civil Judge of the respective District.

Art. 19 of the Regulation of the Public Register.

**Arts. 5, 89 and 180 of the Constitution
and Autonomy Statute of 1987
modify Art. 642 of the Civil Code**

Recognizing the property rights to the
communal land of the indigenous and ethnic
communities of the Caribbean Coast
....including the Cays, when they are
communal land.



Art. 36, Autonomy Statute

“The communal property consists of the land, water and forests *that have traditionally belonged to the communities of the Atlantic Coast...*”

The communities of the Pearl Lagoon Basin ... have historically used and possessed the Cays for fishing, water, etc. ... **their use has only been interrupted by violence** ... on the part of the *National Police, armed men, dogs, threats, murder...*

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Armed men prevent traditional fishermen
from approaching the Pearl Cays



Arts. 5, 89, 180 and the Autonomy Statute of 1987

“The communal lands are inalienable; they cannot be donated, *sold*, seized nor taxed, and they are untransferable...”

The illegal buying and selling of the Cays by Tsokos and Martinez began in 1996

Law 445, Art. 33

The indigenous and ethnic communities of the coast, islands and cays of the Atlantic, have the *exclusive* right to use the maritime resources for communal and traditional fishing, within the three miles adjacent to the coast and twenty-five miles around the cays and adjacent islands.

en communities of
indigenous and African descent
of the Pearl Lagoon Basin
reclaim the Cays

(Crawl, Lime, Wild Cane, Baboon, Water,
Grape, and Vincent)

in the process of demarcating
their ancestral territory