# The Impact of Proposed Housing Development

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The Barrier Dunes of Todos Santos, Baja California Sur, Mexico

## The Ecological Impact

- Destruction of the dunes
- Erosion of the beach
- Potential flooding of land now protected by dunes
- Destruction of turtle habitat (endangered leather back)
- Development proposed despite world-wide restrictions on building on dunes
- Buildings exacerbate wind erosion by raising the dune profile
- Could lead to removal of the foliage in the huerta
- Existing environmental standards are seldom enforced due to under funding for environmental personnel

#### The Impact on the Unique Natural Beauty of Todos Santos

- Natural beauty and uniqueness of Todos Santos would be destroyed
- Approval of this proposed development would lead to explosive development on all the dunes fronting Todos Santos
- Todos Santos would resemble Cabo San Lucas
- Lack of architectural standards and effective controls would mean anything could be built, including buildings of three stories

#### The Impact on Infrastructure

- Water
- Sewage
- Roads
- Schools
- Social Problems
- Bomberos
- Dunes development will proceed faster than traditional development and therefore have a greater impact

### **The Economic Impact**

- Very few if any new construction jobs for local population
- The only long term job development would be for service sector jobs
- Destruction of our uniqueness would result in fewer tourists and the departure of those who came here because of the unique natural beauty
- The local economy will be damaged
- For good reason Fonatur designated Todos Santos as an art colony, not a destination resort like Cabo San Lucas