



06 A senior fisherman tying up his net at Huanchaco beach.

07 Huevito proudly demonstrating how to paddle across waves just as his ancestors did 5,000 years ago.

Carlos Antonio Ferrer is a surfer and a Huanchaco native working for the recognition of the history of this sport. In 2012, he spoke about his town to a committee at the non-profit Save the Waves Coalition, which works to preserve the environmental, cultural, economic, and community-oriented aspects of surf

zones, with the goal of creating a World Surf Reserve. As a result, in 2013, Huanchaco became the fifth beach in the world to gain this status. Now a member of the organization's board, Ferrer helps other coastal sites around the country protect waves cherished by the surfing community. Threats such as erosion, industrial

development, and urban sprawl can be curbed through better awareness, planning, and community capacity building.

The values of mutual aid, sharing, and respect that go along with wave protection stretch far beyond the borders of Peru. In 2016, Ferrer, Huevito, and surfer Felipe Pomar all took part in a series of enriching encounters on the east coast of Australia. They met with several communities facing the same challenges and were invited to participate in their ancestral rituals as well as to share their own folklore. "Huevito built two caballitos during our trip. The Australian surfers got to try them out," says Ferrer. Created at the dawn of Peruvian civilizations, the caballito is much more than an ancestral sea craft—it's a symbol of intercultural sharing, and of respect for living environments located near and within areas of natural wealth.

