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Restore the Bastimentos Public Dock

A community repair proposal led by Convergence Veteran Support, with American Legion Post PC-01, Bocas del Toro

Goal: $4,000 for materials, with donated labor

Prepared for the Mayor of Bocas del Toro and partner nonprofits · November 2026



Concept rendering of the repaired dock

We ask partners for $4,000 and donated labor to repair the dock

THE PROBLEM

Missing, split, and rotten boards leave open gaps over the water. The far end has collapsed. Residents, students, and water-taxi passengers rely on it daily.

THE PLAN

The site survey is complete. We will repair only the damaged planks, clear the collapsed end, restore the entrance building, and install a sponsor sign.

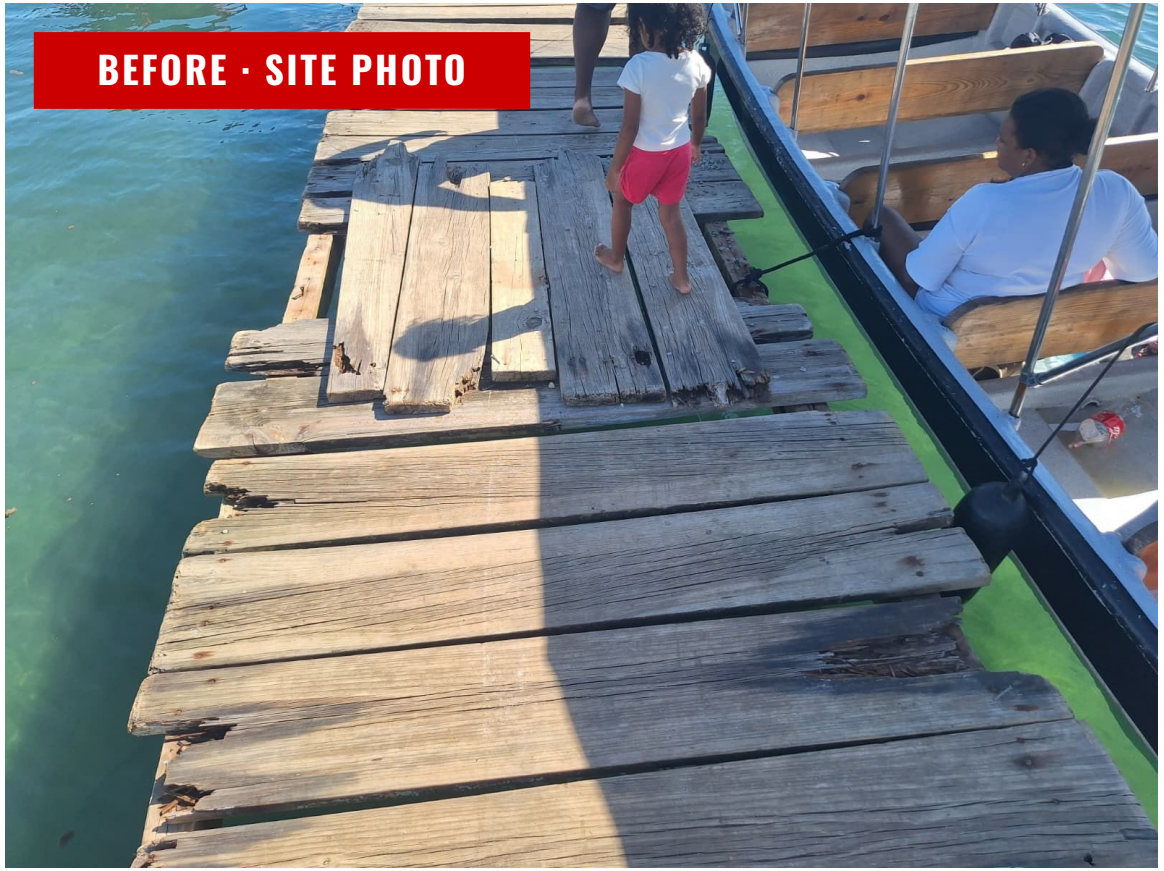
WHO LEADS

Convergence Veteran Support leads planning, fundraising, and coordination. American Legion Post PC-01, Bocas del Toro, is a confirmed sponsor.

THE ASK

Help us raise $4,000 for materials and secure donated labor. Five sponsor panels on the dock sign are open to partners who make it happen.

This dock is a lifeline for families, students, and boat operators



Current condition, November 9, 2026: loose planks laid over rotten boards where passengers step on and off water taxis.

- Isla Bastimentos has no cars and almost no roads. People and supplies arrive by boat.
- Local leaders say the main dock serves residents of at least four corregimientos, including San Cristóbal, Punta Laurel, and Tierra Oscura.
- It is described as the only dock available to locals, and students depend on it directly.
- Water-taxi operators have provided service from this dock for more than 20 years.
- Every unsafe board is a fall, injury, or lost-livelihood risk for the whole community.

Source: Metro Libre, Feb 12, 2026, CompraYa507

BEFORE AND AFTER

Seven views of the dock today, and what a good repair looks like

Left: real site photos taken November 9, 2026. Right: concept renderings of the same view after repair. Following the completed site survey, only damaged top planks are replaced and sound planks stay in service.

Full length: fix the damaged planks and keep the sound ones





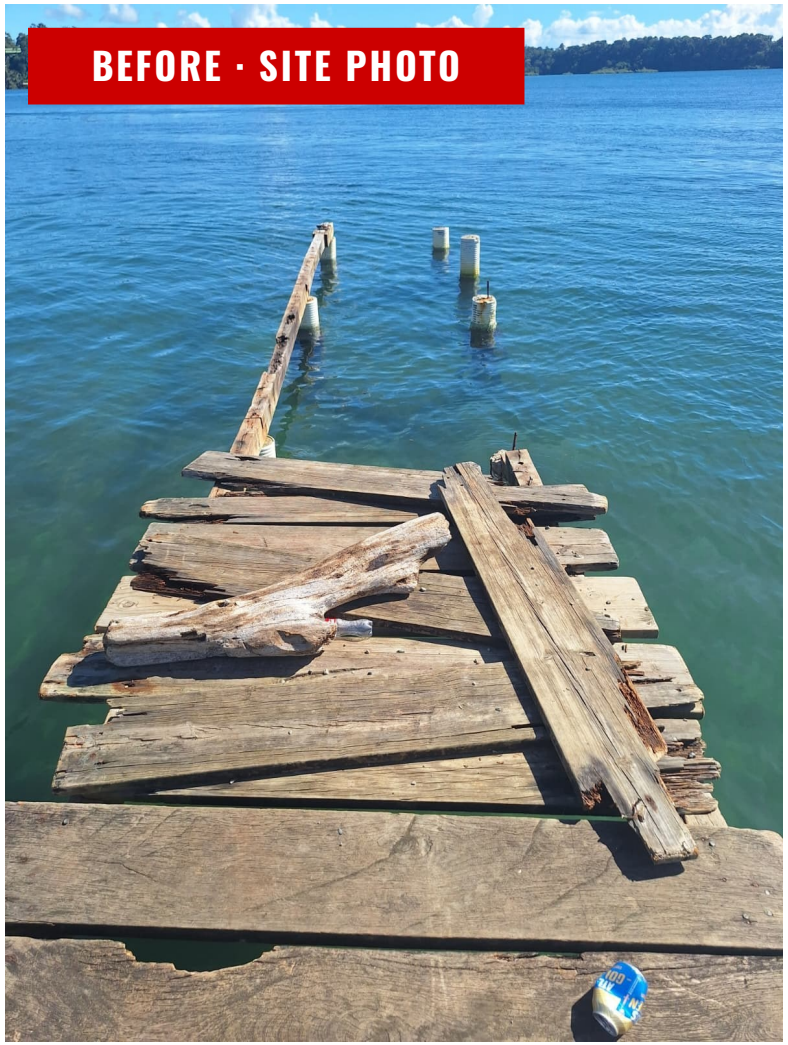
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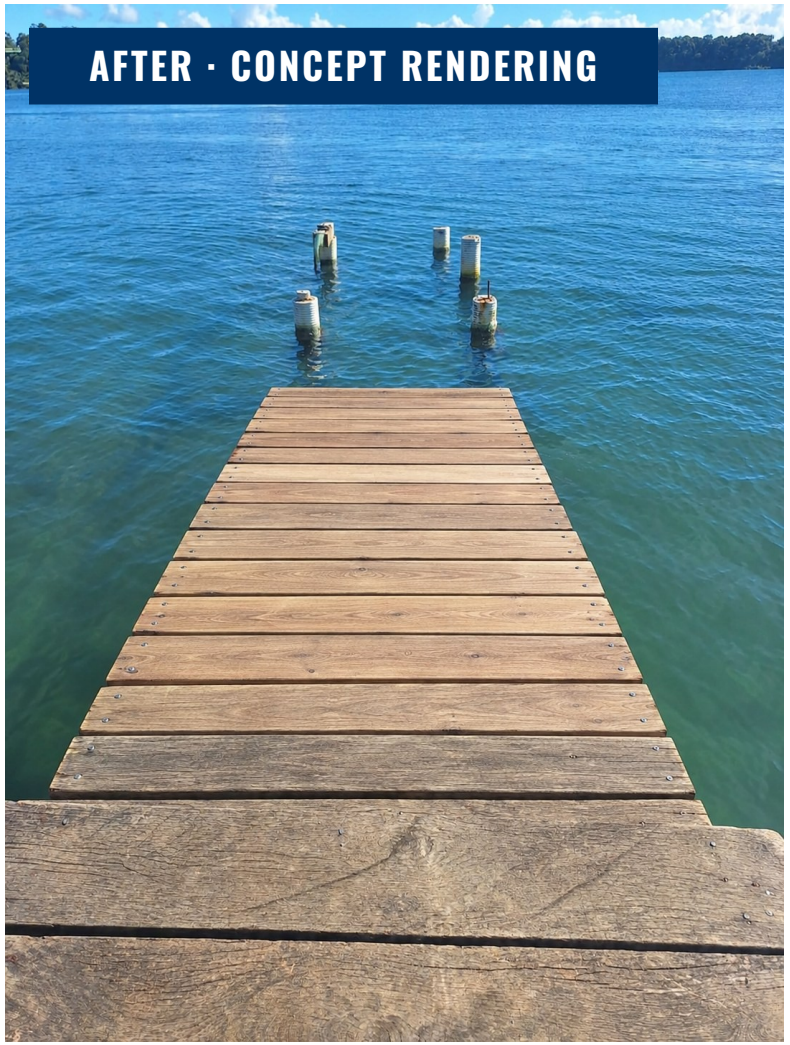
Worn and broken planks along the run, with an open gap and patched planks near the concrete landing.

REPAIRED

Only the damaged top planks are replaced. Sound weathered planks stay in service, and the gap by the landing is closed.

Collapsed end: clear the debris and re-plank the walkway





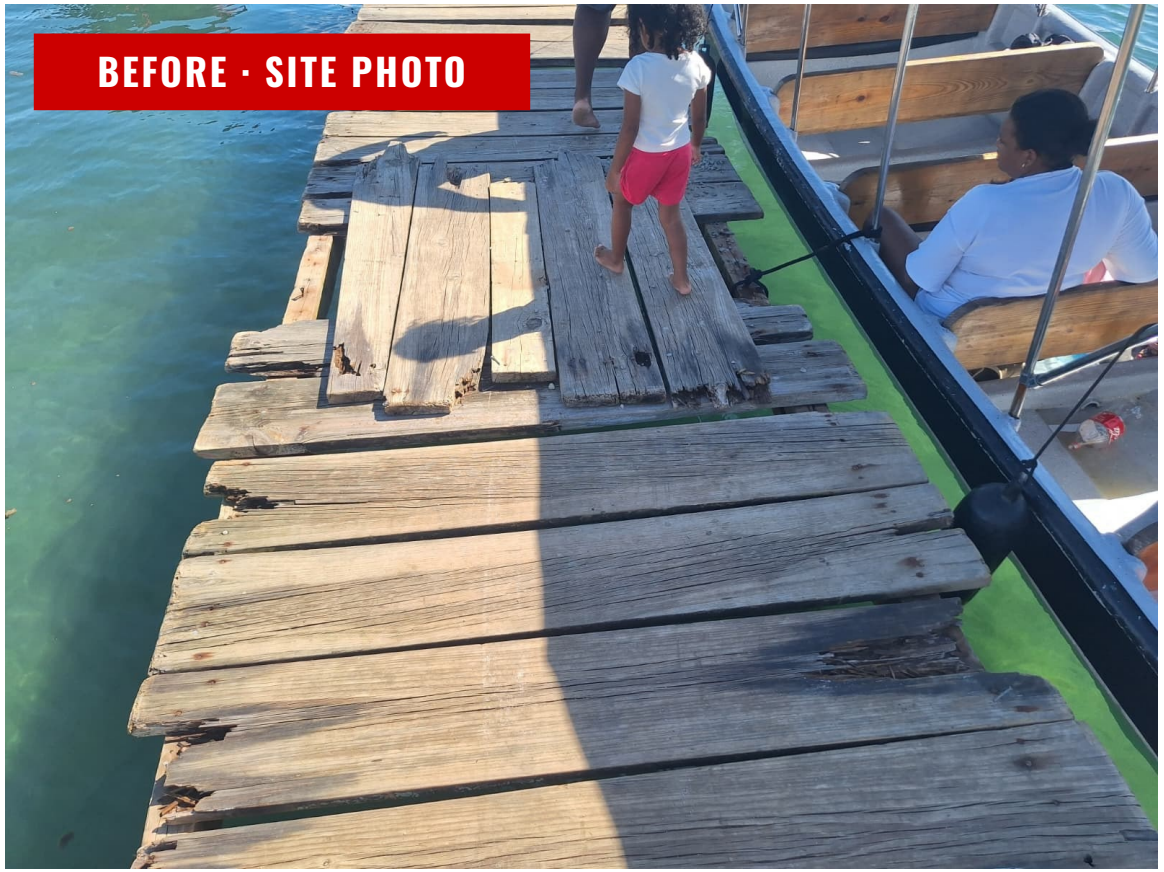
TODAY

Loose boards, a driftwood log, a broken board, and litter sit on the deck. The walking surface stops short of the pilings.

REPAIRED

Debris and litter cleared, and new top planks laid across the collapsed section so the walking surface is whole again.

Boarding area: replace the patches where passengers board



Today: Loose planks are laid over rotten boards right where water-taxi passengers step on and off.



Repaired: Loose patch planks removed and the rotten planks underneath replaced, giving passengers a flat, solid step to the boat.

Open gaps: close every hole that drops straight to the water



Today: Missing planks leave open holes to the water in the walking path.



Repaired: Each gap gets a new plank matched to its neighbors. The sound planks around it stay.

Split planks: swap cracked, curling planks before they break



Today: Planks are split, curled, and uneven, creating trip edges and weak spots underfoot.



Repaired: Only the split foreground planks are replaced, matched in width and spacing. Sound planks further out stay.

Landing corner: close the gap where the dock meets concrete





TODAY

An open gap and damaged planks at the corner where people step off the concrete landing onto the dock.

REPAIRED

The gap is closed and damaged planks replaced. Sound planks and the existing rail stay in place.

Entrance: restore the welcome building and recognize sponsors



Today: Weathered walkway and faded siding on the small building that greets everyone arriving at the dock.



Repaired: Damaged walkway planks replaced, siding repaired and repainted, and a 3 × 4 ft sponsor sign with a QR code.

Sponsors earn a permanent place on the 3 × 4 ft dock sign



TOP BANNER

Convergence Veteran Support as project lead, with a QR code that opens convergence-us.org/donate.

CONFIRMED SPONSOR

American Legion Post PC-01, Bocas del Toro, shown with the official American Legion emblem.

FIVE OPEN PANELS

Large panels sized for a full logo, reserved for the partners, businesses, and agencies that fund or build the repair.

SIGN SPEC

4 ft wide × 3 ft tall, bilingual English and Spanish, mounted on the entrance building facing arrivals.

A targeted plank repair keeps sound wood in service and costs low

PHASE 1

Make it safe

- Site survey complete: damaged planks identified
- Mark and close off hazard spots
- Remove debris, driftwood, and litter

PHASE 2

Repair the planks

- Replace only missing, broken, split, and rotten top planks
- Match the width and spacing of existing planks
- Fasten with stainless-steel screws
- Re-plank the collapsed end section

PHASE 3

Restore and recognize

- Repair and repaint the entrance building
- Install the 3 × 4 ft sponsor sign
- Public reopening with partners and the community

A $4,000 goal covers materials while labor is donated

FUNDRAISING GOAL

$4,000

U.S. dollars, for materials and supplies

LABOR

$0

Seeking donated carpentry and volunteer work days

Item	What it covers	Amount
Deck lumber	New top planks matched to the existing deck	**$3,000**
Hardware	Stainless-steel screws and fasteners	**$700**
Sponsor sign	3 × 4 ft weatherproof sign and mounting	**$150**
Building restoration	Exterior paint for the entrance building	**$100**
Transport and contingency	Boat transport of materials and small overages	**$50**
Labor	Carpentry, cleanup, and painting	**Donated**
Total		**$4,000**

Note: Site survey completed in late October 2026. Amounts are materials estimates; all donations are tracked and reported to sponsors.

Every partner has a clear way to help

MAYOR AND MUNICIPALITY

- Endorse the project and confirm public-use status of the dock
- Expedite permits and approvals
- Provide a municipal work crew or match funds

NONPROFITS AND CIVIC GROUPS

- Sponsor one of five sign panels
- Contribute toward the $4,000 goal
- Bring volunteers to work days

BUSINESSES AND BOAT OPERATORS

- Donate carpentry labor or a work crew
- Donate planks, tools, or boat transport
- Share the campaign with customers

VETERANS AND VOLUNTEERS

- Join a Convergence work day
- Help with cleanup and painting
- Give online at convergence-us.org

Four steps take the dock from proposal to reopening

1

Commit

Mayor and partners endorse the project and confirm the dock's public-use status.

2

Line up labor

The site survey is done. Local carpenters, boat operators, and volunteers commit their time.

3

Raise $4,000

Sponsors claim sign panels and fund materials, with every gift tracked.

4

Build and reopen

Phased repair, sign installation, and a community reopening with all partners.

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Help us raise $4,000 to repair the Bastimentos Public Dock

Convergence Veteran Support is leading this project with American Legion Post PC-01, Bocas del Toro. Give toward materials, donate your labor or skills, or sponsor a panel on the dock sign.

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Questions and partnerships: convergence-us.org/contact

SCAN TO DONATE

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