

## **'MISS TEXAS' FINDS A 250-POUND BLACK MARLIN IN CABO BLANCO**

After its restoration by Inkaterra, the iconic fishing boat 'Miss Texas' is sailing again the sea of Cabo Blanco. With renowned captain Norm Isaacs on the lead, the crew is currently doing research on the conditions of the sea for sustainable fishing, and has already caught some tunas, dorados and mahi-mahis. But on the fourth day out, the team was able to take a good look at a marine beast that brings back to life the legend of Ernest Hemingway's 'The Old Man and the Sea'. After taking over a hundred yards line in just three second, a black marlin (*Makaira indica*) of about 250 pounds (110 kg) made its appearance.

"We were 13 miles off shore when one of the Everol reels started screaming, letting us know there was more than just a lure on the other end", recalls Captain Isaacs. "It gave us two good jumps before the hook pulled and we parted company".

Norm is very optimistic on Cabo Blanco's potential as sport fishing hotspot. Not only because the largest game fish world record (the 1560-pound black marlin) was caught in its waters in 1953, but because many times Norm has fished longer with less results in some of the best marlin waters in the world.

After presenting a technical proposal for a Marine Protected Area in Northern Peru, Inkaterra aims to turn Cabo Blanco into a sustainable model where touristic activities such as game fishing, surfing and birdwatching become sources of income for local communities. Recovering and conserving marine resources is crucial for development in this area, where Norm Isaacs has confirmed great prospects.

