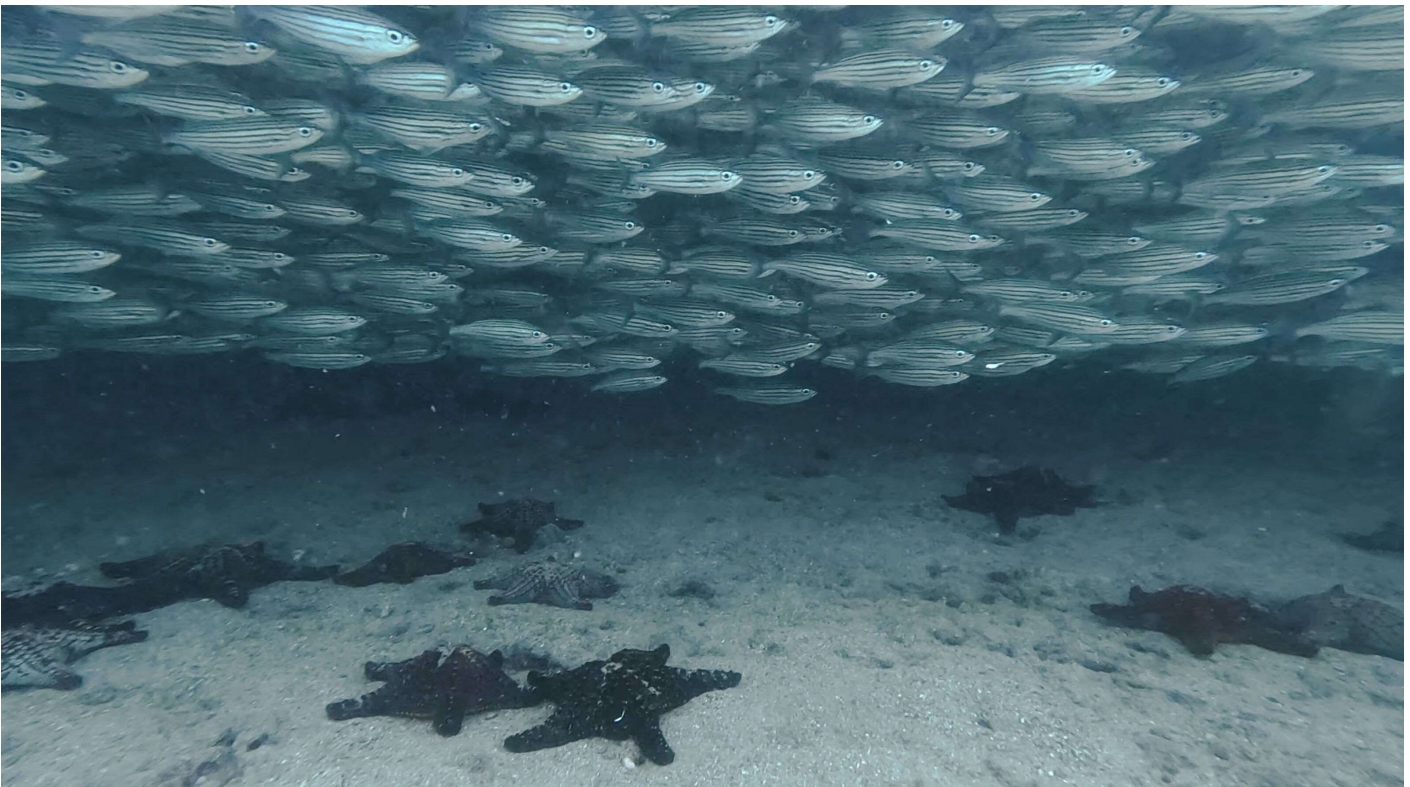


Bartolomé & Sombrero Chino

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A Galapagos penguin checks us out while swimming nearby! The penguin even pecked at our cameras and fins. These penguins are an endangered species, so the opportunity to snorkel with them is extra special. Photo by Anahi Concari



Black-striped salemas and sea stars were so abundant during our snorkel. It was unbelievable and hard to express in a single photo. Photo by Anahi Concari



More black-striped salemas! They were everywhere! Photo by Anahi Concari



Finding an octopus is always a mesmerizing encounter. This one was very comfortable around us, even letting us get close enough to photograph it as it changed color slightly. Photo by Anahi Concari



A Galapagos penguin drying its feathers in the afternoon sun. Photo by Anahí Concari

Today we visited the incredible islets of Bartolomé and Sombrero Chino. These visitors' sites gave us the most amazing snorkeling opportunities and the chance to see one of the most charismatic animals of the Galapagos, the Galapagos penguin.

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Anahí grew up in a small house by the beach in the Galápagos Islands. Along with her best friend, she used to wander during the days around mangrove trees, becoming a different animal every day. She used to camp on solitary beaches, snorkel with sharks, dive with her uncle, a local dive instructor, and sail around the islands with her free spirit neighbors, learning about nature with her own hands, eyes and ears.