

Presented Foundation to protect Honduran archeological zone Ciudad Blanca

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Tegucigalpa, July 14 (EFE) .- The Government of Honduras presented today the Kama Kamasa Foundation, whose objective will be to protect the largest ecological reserve in Central America, the jungle of the Honduran La Mosquitia, where the White City or the Lost City of God is located Mono, informed an official source.

The presentation was made at the Ciudad Blanca Research Center, located at the facilities of El Aguacate airport, Catacamas municipality, in the eastern department of Olancho, the Honduran Presidency added in a statement.

Kaha Kamasa means White City in the Miskito language spoken by the inhabitants of the ethnic group of the same name in the department of Gracias a Dios, also known as La Mosquitia, bordering Nicaragua.

During the presentation of the foundation, the American filmmaker Steve Elkins, leader of the exploration team of the site of Ciudad Blanca, gave the Government the first copy in Spanish of the book The Lost City of the Monkey God, whose author is the researcher Douglas Preston and who It has been published in 25 languages.

"It is a great honor to be part of the Foundation and together with Douglas Preston (also American) we recognize that this is something that we want to continue in time beyond our lives because it is a wealth for Honduras and humanity," said Elkins, underlines the official information.

He added that Honduras is already known worldwide through the book The Lost City of the Monkey God, because as a result of its publication many people who had no knowledge of where the country was now have a clear vision as well as their natural wealth.

Until now it is unknown to what culture the White City belongs.

The Kaha Kamasa Foundation is made up of the Honduran Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (IHCIETI), the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History and the Institute of Forest Conservation, together with several national and foreign organizations and personalities.

The director of the IHCIETI, Ramón Espinoza, said that the Kaha Kamasa Foundation is open to join various sectors of society, such as businessmen and mayors.

He added that the State alone and the organizations already integrated, including the Armed Forces, can not preserve the riches of the White City as required.

He also pointed out that the Foundation will be open to the participation of different actors and that the support of international organizations is already assured, because what is sought is to preserve and protect the reserve where the White City is located.

"We must take care of this because it is from Honduras and humanity" and "we do not want the predators to contaminate the White City because it is a small Amazon for us," Espinoza said.

The event was attended by Christopher Jordan, coordinator for Central America and the Tropical Andes of the Global Wildlife Conservation organization, and Jeremy Radachowsky, director for Mesoamerica of the Wildlife Conservation Society, among other scientists and authorities.

Attendees toured the facilities of the Ciudad Blanca Research Center, which presents the findings of archaeological objects such as pieces made by humans and skeletons of animals that for centuries have been buried in the Honduran Mosquitia. EFE