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## **General Comment**

The Saguaro Project, designed to export gas from Baja California Sur, seriously endangers the Sea of Cortés, one of the richest and most fragile marine ecosystems in the world. To operate, it requires the constant entry of huge gas tankers, which represents a direct threat to the whales, as this area is one of their main breeding and calving grounds. Disrupting this natural process can affect the survival of the entire species.

The passage of these ships not only increases the risk of fatal collisions with whales and other protected marine species, but also generates noise pollution that alters their communication, orientation and behavior.

In addition, many low-income coastal communities depend on ecotourism - such as responsible whale watching - for their livelihoods. If the ecosystem is damaged, their economic livelihoods and way of life are also at risk.

The project contradicts Mexico's environmental commitments and could have irreversible consequences for biodiversity and the people who live with it.

I write this with my experience working with priority species for the Mexican government and having studied Biology.