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Eduardo Solano [00:00:06] [English translation of Spanish] Since we are in an area in the upper area of Turrialba. It's a very cool place, very nice, with very nice views and very safe, very important in Costa Rica, very safe places that we have left here. I also take the opportunity to invite them so that they can visit us at some point. This one we have here for rent, for authors on horseback, swimming pools, some for daytime and night walks, this one. And I can guarantee that they will be in a very cozy, very quiet and important place, very safe.

James Thull [00:00:47] Excellent. So how did you get started in fishing, did you find it on your own did somebody bring you into the sport like your father, who taught you to fish?

Interpreter [00:01:04] [English translation of Spanish] Your experience about what fishing is, what do you have to say about your experience about fishing? How is it? How? Where is it going or how did it start?

Eduardo Solano [00:01:14] [English translation of Spanish] Ok. Well, the fishing experience isn't like a professional angler. It's something that started out as a natural hobby here in the area when young people had fun going to a lagoon in Rio simply to share as friends. Then the adventure grew in me for a slightly larger fish, for catching something better than my friends. Then the adventure grew to go to a bigger river, to go to a mouth and go to the sea. And from there I gained the experience that I have and also the adventures I have experienced, such as catching a big fish and fighting with it for hours to bring it to land. Things that have remained in me, for. For my entire life. Is that it? I can tell you some of my anecdotes at the Tortuguero bar. It's a very nice place where you travel by boat. A lot of tropics, a lot of fauna. It's a national park, but it's attractive to sport fishing. Back when I was there, we were able to go bass sport fishing. It is a fish that packed its snacks at the outlets of rivers, of channels that go, of which they go, of fresh water, but I carry a lot of food, a lot of particles that are what this sea bass consumes. Then it's a perfect place for a panga, which are small wooden boats built by hand. You can throw away the rope, the rod, what you are carrying and if you are lucky you will catch or catch a fish one or two meters long, a fish that is very, very difficult to catch. You can chase him for an hour or two, but finally have the feeling and pride of having brought out the best neighbor in front of your friends and ending the day or week with an emotion, with a pride that overwhelms you and makes you feel better than your friends. There in the country, there in the Atlantic area, here very close to our facilities, we have a burst river. It is a freshwater river that rises on the slopes of the volcano and this river has one of the most hunted and tastiest particular fish in the Torrealba area. He's the fool. It is a fish that does not exceed a size of about 30 to 40 centimeters 50 when it becomes an adult and their weight will range between six and five kilos more or less. But it is a species native to the area. It is somehow to emit the consumption of the shovel, for the no, for the no, for the trade, if not for sport fishing. Nothing more. So, for their time of desolation, which oscillates between April and May, they rise from the neighboring rivers and will spawn the coldest parts of the river, the highest part, because the waters are coming out directly from the volcano and the rest are waters with a temperature of about 120 18 degrees. That is their favorite place in their population. So, for two months we have an emigration of them rising, where everyone comes to congregate to talk their eggs, right? So it is a favorite place for athletes of it is for forgiveness, for fans of being edgy, to be able to catch one of good taste and of great weight because. There are many emigrating at that time.

James Thull [00:05:58] Excellent. So I think what I'll do is have you read the question. Do we do this one here? Is that the one he just answered?

Interpreter [00:06:12] Right now. Yes, now.

Interpreter [00:06:16] What do you love about fishing?

Eduardo Solano [00:06:23] [English translation of Spanish] The adventure. To the adventure of the. To know that there is a big fish there and that I want to take it, since in that river, in the sea there is the biggest or the smallest fish and at any moment it will take my rod and I will be mine. It's a thrilling adventure. It's not economic at all, far from it. It's a personal hobby and it's one of my hobbies. Favorite sports when I have a free time space.

Interpreter [00:07:02] [English translation of Spanish] What is your favorite place to go fishing?

Eduardo Solano [00:07:06] [English translation of Spanish] The channels. The Tortuguero canals for Mila Pacuares, La Laguna Pacuares. Because of the variety. For the culture of the people, for the public transport that is already being driven. That the boat and the panga, due to the great diversity of flora and fauna that they have, that they have the area and the tranquility that you live when you are away from the noise of cars, from pollution. Your cell phone has no signal, so it's perfect so that no one bothers you to spend a good day living with nature and doing what you like the most, which is fishing.

James Thull [00:08:00] It's about the beauty of the place, a lot of it, the tranquility?

Interpreter [00:08:02] [English translation of Spanish] And what advice would you give to a young person who wants to learn how to fish?

Eduardo Solano [00:08:10] [English translation of Spanish] Because. I would tell them that. Faced with the many wishes that. What about. Of sports for me. Bad. What are cybernetics like? Like the internet, as it is, internal games and all certain things that are harmful. It's a healthy recreational sport, very stimulating, very nice to share. It's something where. Where you truly recreate yourself as a person, you relax, you ease your mind and if you're lucky, you can get a good prize if it's worth it.

Interpreter [00:08:58] [English translation of Spanish] Have you seen any changes throughout your life here in Costa Rica? This is climate change. Have you seen that in Costa Rica?

Eduardo Solano [00:09:10] [English translation of Spanish] Yes, of course. Climate change has had an impact on that. Not here, all over the world. I have seen it in the scarcity of fish, where it is no longer so fixed, it is no longer so, so true that you go and catch a fish or the best fish, because climate change has had a great influence on our country, but also the hydroelectric plants that have built the fundamental companies to produce electricity, have brought us two problems: one is climate change, the other is that large dams have been built in rivers and have killed fish a lot. Also with fishermen, because there is no longer much public place where people can go to play, they can go and enjoy what they like.

Interpreter [00:10:13] [English translation of Spanish] And what is your favorite type of fish to catch.

Eduardo Solano [00:10:17] [English translation of Spanish] To fish? My favorite, without a doubt it will be. The bad thing is always the feeling of knowing that you have 70 kilos on a rope, that it could go away and that any human error could end your catch for the day. Right? And we do it for sport, not for consumption. But for us, the pleasure is watching your fish run aground. Then, please, they would think a fool, but for pleasure it will always be the one stolen.

Interpreter [00:10:58] [English translation of Spanish] What do you use for fishing, bait or what? Or do you fish with fritters or what? Decoys, lures.

Eduardo Solano [00:11:07] [English translation of Spanish] Signals. Ok. For fishing in Costa Rica and in my case it is used according to the fish you want to catch, from there the bait will be used, for example sea bass. Lures are used, shrimp is used a lot also there in the bar you can achieve a lot. Shrimp is one of the best things to fish for bass. Example In freshwater river fishing, we use earthworms. It is an insect from the ground that is dug up and taken out. But we also use this grasshopper called cricket. Right? Because when we talk about fields and freshwater, fish feed on insects. Insects go a lot to the water and the river and fall from trees and earthworms and grasshoppers are one of those who have it as their favorite diet. So, we cleverly want to catch you a fool that we'll have to take to Earthworms, right? So the worm and in the different Abraham fish and different bait for everyone.

Interpreter [00:12:31] [English translation of Spanish] If you could go anywhere in the world to fish still decide. And what to fish for? If you wanted to go where you would prefer to fish. To what part of the world to which.

Eduardo Solano [00:12:47] [English translation of Spanish] I don't know. I don't know the name of the fish, but at some point I've seen it on television programs. And I wouldn't just go for a big fish that I met or saw. I would go to Africa, to experience nature, because I am a fan of fauna, animals and fishing. And Africa is one of the countries with the most. For everything it offers.

James Thull [00:13:22] Was that the one about fishing anywhere?

Eduardo Solano [00:13:26] Yes.

Interpreter [00:13:31] Do you have any concerns about the future of fishing?

Eduardo Solano [00:13:40] But at the national level, there is great concern in Costa Rica about climate change, abortion, large banana companies down the coast, which are dedicated to the exploitation of bananas and African palm, because with the chemicals that they release to the ground with planes or helicopters or or manually, they have brought devastation to natural things in their mouths, because when the chemicals come, the rains, they destroy. Into those puffs where this type of fish comes to feed. And there have been many massacres that we have had. There has been a very crazy thing, the fish devastations we have had on the coasts, especially the Atlantic area of our country to which I belong, which is very dedicated to the agriculture of this type of plant. Around here, in the area of fresh water, the biggest concern has been large hydroelectric dams. Our rivers are no longer our own, they are no longer free. Every four or five kilometers we destroy a hydroelectric dam where that water is recycled and all those animals lose their food cycle, also of salvation. It is very important because when there is already a

hydroelectric plant, the fish can no longer go up to spawn as they normally do. So there is a big concern among us who like sports and I think that if at 100 we probably don't have fishing, we're already limited to watching a video, maybe that's the case if we don't do something to save Fénix's life.

James Thull [00:15:53] Yeah, that's the last one? Well, thanks so much for taking the meet with me.