

Galapagos animal paradise



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August 5, 2024 - Galapagos Islands, Ecuador: A marine Iguana sits on rocks on Chinese Hat, Sombbrero Chino Island. The Galapagos archipelago is known for its rich animal life: wide variety of finches, swimming marine iguanas, flightless cormorant, fur seals living side by side with tropical animals, and many more species. The government of Ecuador designated part of the Galapagos a wildlife sanctuary in 1935, and in 1959 the sanctuary became the Galapagos National Park. In 1978 the islands were designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, and in 1986 the Galapagos Marine Resources Reserve was created to protect the surrounding waters. (Jessica Brandi Lifland/Polaris) (FOTO:DUKAS/POLARIS)
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