

# VIII Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. Conference

Historic Past - Bright Future

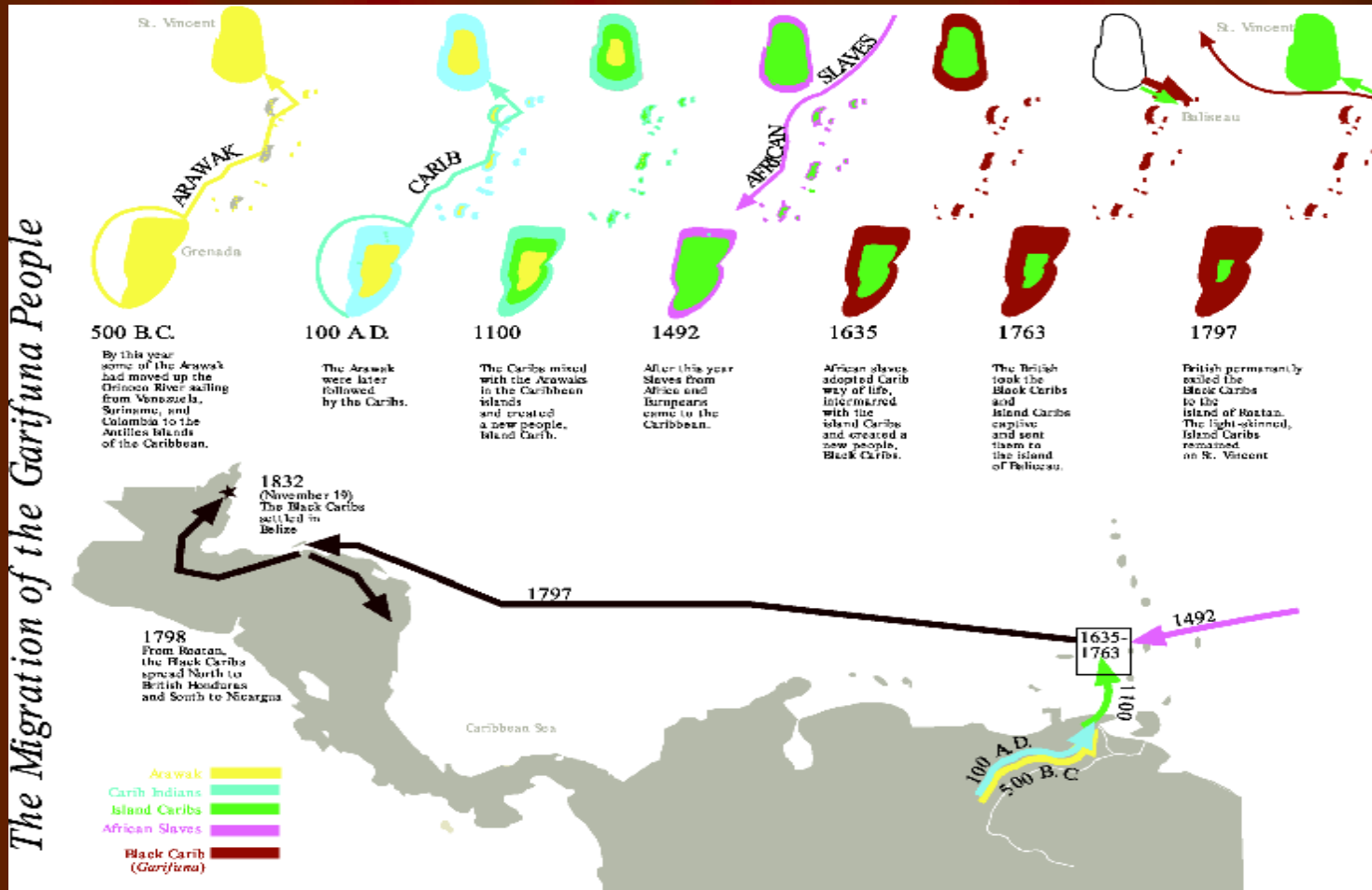
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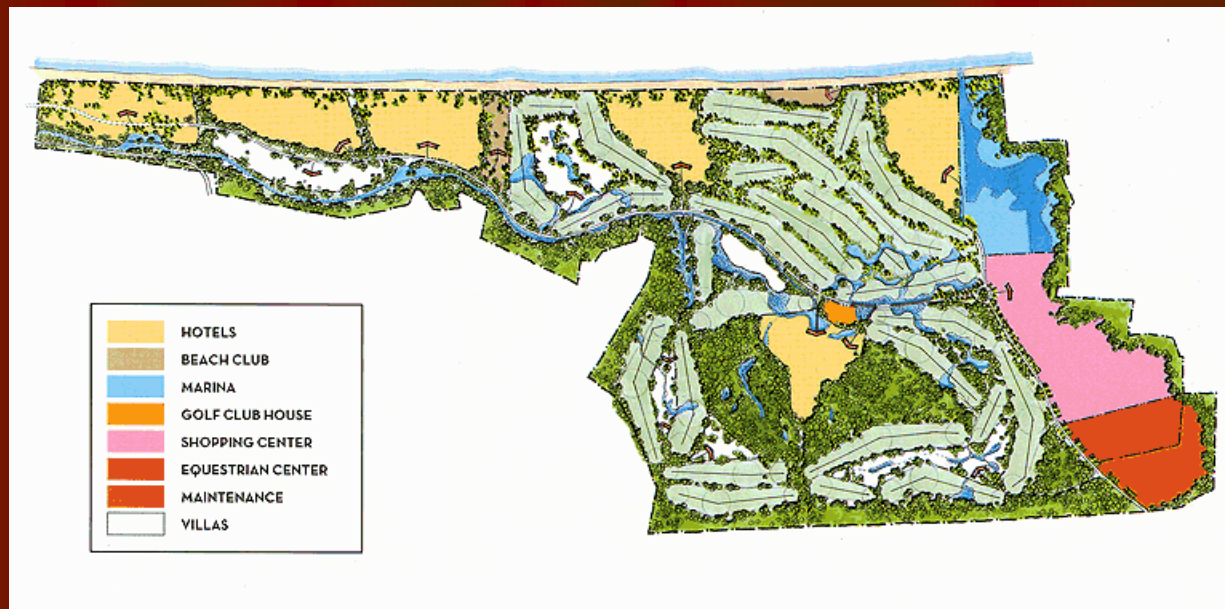


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Fuente: Standford University

# Bright Future

I Our integration into the Honduran Tourism industry development



# La Ceiba: Its First Settlers

I La Ceiba's natural beauty has captivated its visitors from the beginning, its name comes from a giant Ceiba tree that towered majestically at the shores of the Caribbean Sea, the tree was so grandiose that the first settlers (*garífunas from St Vincent*) claimed that "*it was the ladder God used to come down to earth*".

# La Ceiba: The beginning of the economic boom

*"The economic boom of La Ceiba begins with the Garifuna maritime commerce in the village of Pueblo Nuevo (presently Barrio La Barra). The Garifunas arrived in 1810, giving life and movement to the rich Atlantic Coast which had remained dormant and forgotten for over 300 years."*

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Source: Lic. Antonio Canelas Díaz en su Libro *La Ceiba, sus raíces y su Historia*

# La Ceiba: The beginning of the economic boom

*In the decade of 1810-1820, the Vincentian blacks started arriving to the shores of the Cangrejal River in canoes and barges full of merchandise from all over the Caribbean ports and islands, to be sold in this zone at "give away prices."*

# La Ceiba: Honduras' sweetheart



# La Ceiba, Honduras' Ecotourism Capital

- I La Ceiba has been declared Honduras' Ecotourism Capital by the government of Honduras based on its natural beauty. This beauty is highlighted by the very imposing Pico Bonito (2345 mts.), which is also a national park. It's a rainforest where the constant rain combines with rocky hills to create beautiful cascades and spectacular views.

# La Ceiba, Home of the National Friendship Carnival



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# La Ceiba: Home of the "Quinta Real" Hotel and Convention Center



*Quinta Real*  
Hotel y Centro de Convenciones





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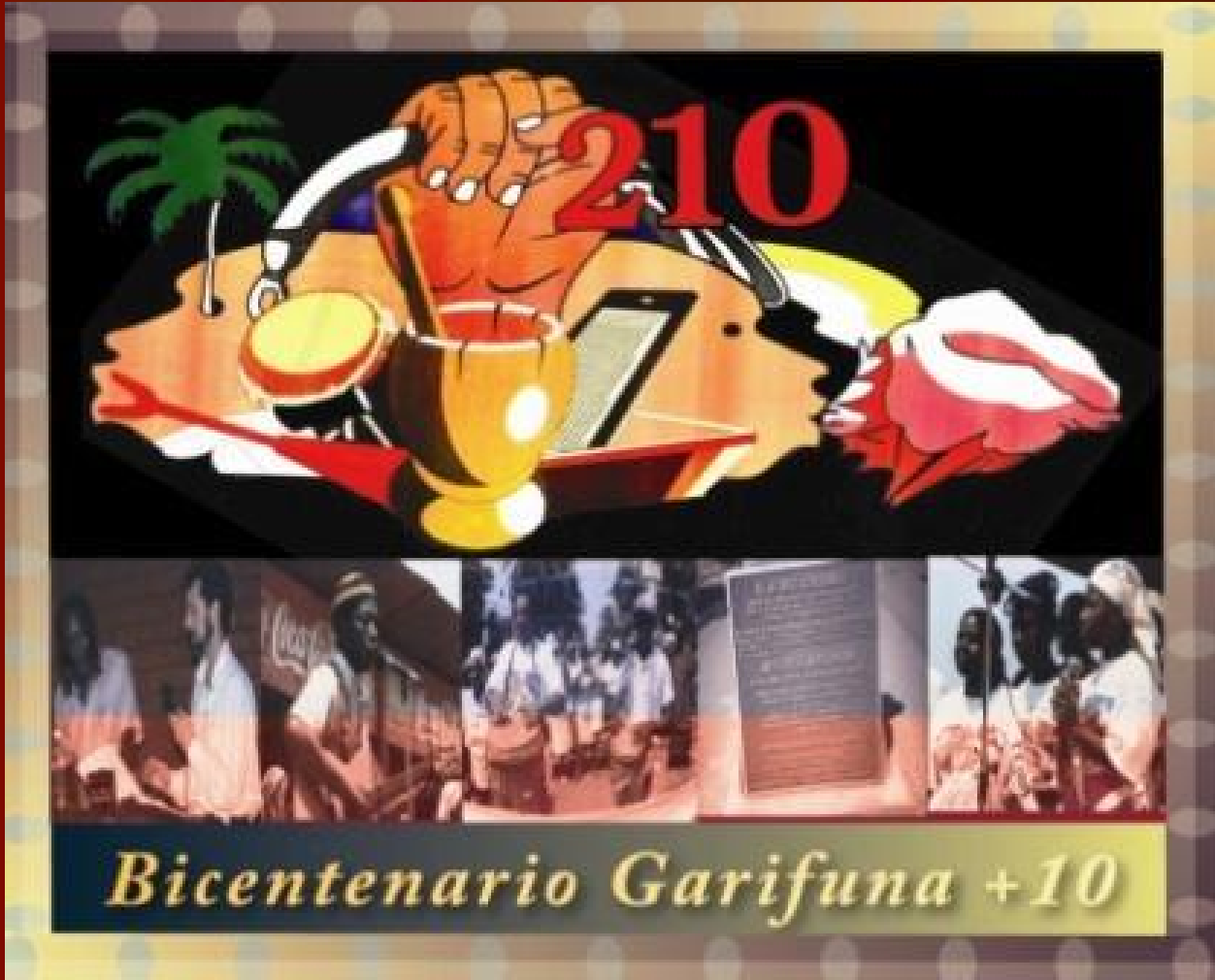
**Pasado Histórico**  
Historic Past  
1797 - 1997

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Bright Future  
2007 - 2037

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