

AKUMAL GOVERNMENT SARGASSUM MEETING



Key points & takeaways



Community summary for
neighbors & businesses



August 6, 2026 • Lol-Ha Restaurant, Akumal



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WHY THIS MEETING MATTERED



High-level attendance

Federal, state & municipal officials were present, including FONATUR, SEMARNAT, Navy/SEMAR, Tourism, ZOFEMAT and Tulum officials.



North Akumal was represented

Scott Brown, Marieke Brown and Ivan Penie attended on behalf of North Akumal.



Main purpose

Officials came to listen, gather local experience and help shape an Akumal-specific plan.



This was a **working meeting** — not a final funding announcement.



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WHAT AKUMAL TOLD THE GOVERNMENT



Costs are becoming unsustainable



Manual cleanup is no longer enough



Beach erosion is worsening



Turtles, reefs & water quality must be protected



Different parts of Akumal need different solutions



US\$30,000/week

Example shared by
Akumal Bay Resort
during peak season



6-8 truckloads/day

Example shared by
Club Akumal Caribe
during heavy arrivals



WHAT GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING



IMPORTANT

No specific Akumal budget, vessels or barrier allocation were confirmed at this meeting.



More interception at sea



Larger and smaller collection vessels



Dynamic or deflection barriers where suitable



Better monitoring & forecasting



Transport, disposal & productive use of collected sargassum



MOST CONCRETE OUTCOME AKUMAL PILOT + WORKING GROUP



Government responded positively to an Akumal-wide pilot



Akumal was encouraged to organize a local working group or commission



The group should include neighborhoods, hotels, cooperatives, businesses and authorities



A follow-up meeting with government was discussed for about 2–3 weeks later, possibly by videoconference



This was the clearest practical next step from the meeting.



KEY TAKEAWAYS



What we know

- ✓ Government is listening
- ✓ Akumal needs its own strategy
- ✓ Coordination across Akumal matters
- ✓ Disposal and traceability are part of the solution

What is still undecided

- ? No confirmed Akumal budget
- ? No confirmed vessels or barriers for Akumal
- ? No final Akumal plan yet



Next task: prepare a coordinated Akumal proposal.



The meeting created an opportunity — not a final solution.

