

How does our place in the world impact us as artists? Imagine you have been transported to the San Blas Islands of Panama. What do we know or what can we deduce about that area of the world? What is the climate like? What plants and animals do they see?



In the Caribbean Sea, a few miles off the east coast of mainland Panama, lies the San Blas Archipelago, a series of exquisite tropical islands. The Archipelago consists of 360 low-lying islands, including sixty that are homeland to the indigenous and traditional, Kuna people. The islands have a tropical maritime climate with high temperatures and often-humid days. Temperature is 68-80 degrees Fahrenheit. The islands are threatened by rising sea levels. The Kuna people took inspiration from the sea and sea life, flora and fauna, and animal and birds found in their environment.

