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ASUNTO: Respuesta a "petición Caño Cristales"

Thank you very much for your letter! We were so happy to hear that in your school in Colorado, you are learning about Caño Cristales and its ecosystem. It is amazing that you are interested in the "Giant's kettles," which are those special circular holes found in the rocks.

Regarding your questions about the plant, *Rhyncholacis clavigera*: although it has tones of red, yellow, blue, green, and black (depending on how much sunlight it receives), the river sometimes gives us even more shades of colors that play with the environment, making it look very bright and colorful. Between December and June, the park is closed to tourists specifically so the plant can rest and breathe. This helps it return with even more life from June to November. During those rest months, the water is perfectly clear, and you can see the rocks at the very bottom.

It is admirable that at your age you already understand important concepts like "overtourism." We want to reassure you: here at the Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia, we have established a "carrying capacity." This allows us to control the number of daily visitors so that the *Rhyncholacis clavigera* can grow without being disturbed. Also, just as you said, environmental education is our best tool.

Thank you for your promise to protect the world's rivers. The world needs more children who, like you, understand that the beauty of an ecosystem depends on how much we respect it. People with your curiosity are the ones who help us ensure that places like this never lose their magic.

Sincerely,

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