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## Clearwater Marine Aquarium Saves Baby Manatee in Belize (Video)

(Belmopan City, Belize) – A stranded baby manatee is now being safely monitored at a wildlife rehabilitation center in northern Belize after being rescued on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, by Jamal Galves of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute (CMARI) in Belize.

The male calf, estimated to be between 2-3 weeks old, was found stranded in the Lake Independence area of Belize City in the Belize River. The community called CMARI after noticing the calf alone and Galves promptly arrived on scene.

“We headed over to the river area where the community observed the little one splashing around,” said Galves. “After taking some time to look around the area to ensure no other manatee was near that could possibly be the mother, we started our attempt to capture the calf.” Galves continues, “I quickly grabbed the calf and raced it over to the rescue truck where it was placed and prepared for transport to the rehab center.”

Dehydrated and slightly underweight, the young calf was given Pedialyte and covered with a wet towel during its transport to Wildtracks rehabilitation center.

Weighing in at 41.1 lbs. and measuring 115 cm., the calf begins his long journey through rehab until his eventual release back into the wild.

**B-Roll:** <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/SnRzebP2bR>

### About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter, the dolphin’s story of survival after injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, *Dolphin Tale*, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, *Dolphin Tale 2*, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

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