

**SUBACHOQUE VALLEY
ROCK ART SITES**



SITE NUMBER: 8 (CuSubGaPi001)
SITE NAME: El Carmen
VEREDA: Galdames
FINCA: El Carmen
OWNER: Lazaro Ramos
TYPE OF ROCK ART: Red pictographs
ALTITUDE: 2,641 meters per GPS; 2,610 meters per altimeter
DISCOVERED BY: Harry Marriner September 1989
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DESCRIPTION AND ORIENTATION: A mural 80cms. tall by 2 meters wide contains 14 geometric red pictographs painted above a shallow rock shelter on the north vertical face of large sandstone rock located approximately 100 meters to the south of the El Hato stream. Motifs include a series of 21 vertical marks, a lozenge, an hourglass design, a “W”, 3 lozenge-circle or lozenge-lonzenge “barbells”, and parallel, angled and curved lines.

OBSERVATIONS AND HISTORY: A small, isolated settlement in the Galdames area is located approximately 1 kilometer to the east of the site and may have been continuously inhabited since before the Spanish Conquest. The area surrounding the rock art site is a gently rolling alluvial fan, near water, ideally situated for agricultural activities.

