As part of the National Institute of Culture and History, the Institute of Archaeology is mandated by law to preserve, protect, promote, and sustainably manage Belize’s archaeological resources. Archaeological reserve management, research and education, and public outreach activities are strategic parameters utilized by the Institute to accomplish these goals. The challenges faced by a small, developing nation in the protection of its cultural resources are numerous, yet we continue to explore different ideas and work towards finding meaningful and productive ways in the advancement and sustainability of Belizean archaeology. This presentation will cover the development of the Institute over the years and highlight those successful initiatives which have propelled Belizean archaeology to the forefront of Maya research.