




Country	MIKAS springs	Coordinates / Nearby City	Spring discharge (Q in l/s,min/av/max) / tapped or not	Criteria* in order / Main justification */ H-historic, A-aesthetic, S-scientific, E-Economic, Ec-ecologic	Data collected by
Colombia 	<b>1. Manantial de Cañaverales</b>	N 10°44'56.95" W 72°50'30.15" Z = 281 m asl San Juan del Cesar	94.1/338/543.2 Tapped for rural water supply	<b>H, A, E, S, Ec</b> <i>The water from the Cañaverales spring has historically served the communities settled in the territory including the ancient ethnic groups Wiwas and the Wayus tribes. The spring is vital source for local agricultural production activities for nearly 3,000 residents. Spring is commonly taken as a tourist attraction in the region, but presently, the community imposing restrictions on tourist access and mining activities that may compromise the water's quality. The Manantial de Cañaverales spring is a corner of La Guajira surrounded by oak trees, birdsong and crystal-clear waters.</i>	Maria Alejandra - Cetina Tarazona
	<b>2. Ventanas de Tisquizoque</b>	N 5°48'40" W 73°57'31" Z = 1727 m asl Santander, Florián	No data available Not tapped	<b>H, A, E, S, Ec</b> <i>The spring has an historic and spiritual value since it receives the name from Tisquizoque chief (cacique) who ruled this land around the year 1539 CE, when Spaniards invaded the territory. Together with his warriors he fought them until he was the last alive. Then, honouring his people, he preferred to die by jumping from the imposing waterfall rather than being captured by the Spanish yoke. La Venta creek crosses a natural cave high up on a mountain, flowing out into a three-tiered waterfall of 270 meters high with a spectacular panoramic view of Florián municipality and the surroundings forests. The spring is open and public. Recently, as the site has become more notable, local income by tourism increased. Some small creeks, affluents of La Venta supply the water for the local aqueducts. Scarce scientific research has intended to map local karst landforms.</i>	N. Melissa. M. Medina

## MIKAS - Manantial de Cañaverales



Crystal clear waters of Manantial de Cañaverales. Retrieved from, <https://semanariovoz.com/la-quajira-canaverales-manantial-amenazado-muerte/>

## MIKAS - Ventanas de Tisquizoque



*Ventanas de Tisquizoque three-tiered waterfall (Photo by Marianela Vargas)*



*View from the interior of the Ventanas de Tisquizoque cave (Photo by Marianela Vargas)*



*Panoramic view and outflow of La Venta Creek in Ventanas de Tisquizoque (Photo by Marianela Vargas)*