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# SCREEN TESTING: IT'S ONLY NATURAL

Every year, thousands of tons of chemical sunscreen wash into our seas, where it can suffocate or awaken dormant viruses in coral reefs. We tested five biodegradable sunscreens in Mexico's Riviera Maya, where many nature parks prohibit the chemical variety



**Editors' pick:** Hands down, AquaSport was tops in our dive log in every way.



<b>DOES IT WORK?</b>	Stayed on well in wet and sweaty conditions, and no testers burned	Some testers came back a bit pink — even on shaded cenote dive	Effective, but greasy Kabuki look wasn't a hit with testers	Required reapplication but offered generally effective protection	Mixed results: Some testers burned even with reapplication
<b>EASY TO USE?</b>	As easy to apply as any of the common chemical brands	A little thicker than chemical screens; good overall absorbency	Clouds of white film washed off when our testers hit the water	Thin, milklike consistency made this a messy one to apply	Get ready to rub — and still to be white and greasy hours later
<b>WHAT ELSE?</b>	A terrific find; we plan to use nothing else from here on out	Only moderate rubbing required; pleasant lavender scent a plus	The fruity-gum smell did not appeal to some adult testers	Our testers were put off by bits of solid matter in the lotion	At \$25 a tube, this was nearly twice the price of most others tested