

## Project Update: January 2016

We initiated our field studies at Isla Holbox in October 2015. Our first approach was to get to know the fishers' community in order to initiate our field surveys related to coastal exploitation in the region. We started interviews with elder fishers in town (ages 67 to 89) and with middle age fishers (45 to 66). These interviews have given us a broad perspective of the ancient fishing techniques used in the island and the main fishery resources that once populated inshore waters such as abundant sharks, sea turtles, manatees, large groupers, snappers and snooks. We have also visited different archives in the city of Merida to obtain historical and archaeological information on ancient coastal exploitation. In the coming months we will continue with our field surveys and we will be visiting other regional archives in the city of Cancun.





Left to right-top to bottom: One of the very senior fishers at Holbox Island; Myself interviewing a fisher; Fisher at Holbox Island showing his fishing nets; Mangroves of Holbox and example of a map we use at the field where fishers draw historical and current fishing sites.