

Project Update May 2016

We have successfully completed our first field expedition to the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. Located in the centre of the Caribbean coast of Mexico, Sian Ka'an (meaning 'Origin of the Sky' in Maya) was established in 1987, and along with the 'Arrecifes de Sian Ka'an' Biosphere Reserve covers a huge 563,000 ha of land and sea. We were based in the picturesque fishing village of Punta Allen in the north of the reserve and travelled to six sites over the course of 4 days. We were excited to find extensive spur-and-groove coral reef formations at depths of 15-20 m. These formations are typically aligned perpendicular to the coast with coral-covered 'spurs' interlaced with sandy 'grooves'. We are looking forward to our next expedition already!



Travelling through the mangrove © Javier González