

# NEW COLLABORATIONS IN THE REGION AS PART OF OUR RUFFORD FOUNDATION PROJECT

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In 2020 Sustainable Sea Science and Conservation became a member of the Kanan Kay Alliance. An essential activity for our organization to form part of this Alliance has been the scientific research activities related to coastal exploitation that we have been working on in Isla Holbox since 2105 as part of the scholarship from The Rufford Foundation.

The Alianza Kanan Kay is a multisectoral initiative that seeks to contribute to the consolidation of responsible fishing management to recover the biological wealth of our sea and the strengthening and profitability of the artisanal fisheries of Quintana Roo. The Alliance facilitates collaborative processes and shared actions that promote the establishment of a network of fishing refuges. More than 9 years ago, the Alliance was formed as an intersectoral collaboration initiative for sustainable management and conservation in the Mexican Caribbean. It currently groups more than 25 institutions representing Cooperative Fisheries Production Societies, government authorities, organizations of the civil society, philanthropic foundations, and independent consultants.

Hopefully, soon when the COVID-19 situation improves in the region, we are planning to generate joint activities focused on disseminating the importance of Marine Reserves in the fishing communities of Isla Holbox. We participated in the April and June bimonthly Bulletin of the Alliance during this year. We have published the research activities that we are carrying out in Isla Mujeres and the actions that we are carrying out in the state of Campeche as part of our collaborative project. With the M.Sc. Ilse Martinez Candelas. This project is focused on promoting the ancestral knowledge of sharks in the fishing communities of Laguna de Terminos. I attach the newsletters in which we have participated.



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