



## **ZMT Alumnus and Ambassador: Dr. Alejandro Espinoza Tenorio, Mexico**

### **What was your position at ZMT?**

When I first met Matthias Wolff from ZMT in 2006, I asked for a chance to be part of his group as a PhD student. I was very excited when I found out that I could join ZMT in 2007 to work with Matthias on fisheries management. Fortunately, I received a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) which helped me finance my research on integrative planning approaches for ecosystem-based fisheries management based on two study cases in Mexican marine regions.

### **How did you benefit from your time at ZMT?**

ZMT helped me to improve my understanding of fisheries, and I was able to further develop my main field of research interest: the development of integrative management approaches for the sustainable use of tropical ecosystems. I also got to know a lot of other students and researchers from all over the world, some of whom I still keep in contact with. This network has proven to be very useful to me when I returned to my home country, and I will be forever grateful for the many doors ZMT opened for me.

### **What happened since you left ZMT?**

I am currently an associate researcher in a federal research center, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), and I am also part of the Researcher National System (level 1) in Mexico. As an investigator at ECOSUR and being responsible for the Transdisciplinary Laboratory for Sustainability (LaTSu, by its Spanish acronym), I coordinate holistic frameworks for resource management, emphasising ecosystem-based fisheries management and the use of traditional and local ecological knowledge in the management of natural resources.