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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Environmental Science and Management. University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2017 Master of Environmental Science and Management. University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2015 B.Sc. Oceanography, *Honors*. Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (Mexico)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 – Assistant Professor. Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric and Earth Science, University of Miami
Core Faculty, Frost Institute for Data Science & Computing, University of Miami
- 2022 - 2024 Postdoctoral Scholar. Oceans Department, Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford University
- 2020 - 2022 Graduate Student Researcher. Environmental Markets Lab, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 - 2020 Graduate Student Researcher. National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis

AREAS OF INTEREST

Social-ecological marine systems; Human dimensions of marine conservation; Coastal resilience; Climate change adaptation; Environmental markets; Marine policy design and evaluation; Spatial environmental economics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published (*co-first authorship; •student author)

- 2025 Arafeh-Dalmau N. , **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Schoeman D.S., Mora-Soto A., Bell T.W. , Butler C.L. , Costa M., Dunga L.V. , Houskeeper H.F. , Lager C. , Pantano C., Laínez del Pozo D. , Sink K.J., Micheli F., Cavanaugh K.C. Global kelp forests: threats from marine heatwaves and conservation status. *Nature Communications* 16 (1), 3173. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-025-58054-4
- Englander G, Zhang , **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Jiang Q, Hu M, Deschenes O and Costello C. Input subsidies and the depletion of natural capital: Chinese distant water fishing. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. DOI: 10.1016/j.jeem.2025.103127
- 2024 *Lynham J. & **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** Evidence of spillover benefits from large-scale marine protected areas to purse seine fisheries. *Science*, Vol 386, Issue 6727, DOI: 10.1126/science.adn1146
- Kumagai J., Goodman M.C., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Schoeman D.S., Cavanaugh K.C., Bell T.W., Micheli F., De Leo G. & Arafeh-Dalmau N. Marine protected areas that preserve trophic cascades promote resilience of kelp forests to marine heatwaves. *Global Change Biology*. DOI: 10.1111/gcb.17620

- Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** Arafah-Dalmau, N, & Micheli F. Past and future impacts of marine heatwaves on small-scale fisheries in Baja California, Mexico. *Communications in Earth and the Environment*. Vol 5, Issue 623, DOI: 10.1038/s43247-024-01696-x
- Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.**, Costello C. & Plantinga A. A Market for 30x30 in the Ocean. *Science*, Vol 384, Issue 6701 DOI: 10.1126/science.adl4019
- 2023 Arafah-Dalmau *et al.*, Integrating climate adaptation and transboundary management: guidelines for designing climate-smart marine protected areas. *One Earth*. DOI: 10.1016/j.oneear.2023.10.002
- Villaseñor-Derbez, J. C.**, Fulton, S., Hernández-Velasco, A., & Amador, I. Biomass accrual benefits of community-based marine protected areas out-weight their operational costs. *Frontiers in Marine Science*, 10, 1180920. DOI: 10.3389/fmars.2023.1180920
- Pearson H.C., Savoca M.S., Costa D.P., Lomas M.W., Molina R., Pershing A.J., Smith C.R., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Wing S.R., Roman J. Whales in the Carbon Cycle: Can Recovery Remove Carbon Dioxide? *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*. DOI: 10.1016/j.tree.2022.10.012
- 2022 Wintergalen E., Oyanedel R., **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.**, Fulton S., Molina R. Opportunities and challenges for livelihood resilience in urban and rural Mexican small-scale fisheries. *Ecology and Society*. DOI: 10.5751/ES-13471-270346
- Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** Amador-Castro, I., Hernández-Velasco, A., Torre, J., & Fulton S. Two decades of community-based marine conservation provide the foundations for future action. *Frontiers in Marine Science*. DOI: 10.3389/fmars.2022.893104
- Wilson M. W., Lawson J. M., Rivera-Hechem M. I., **Villaseñor-Derbez J. C.**, Gaines, S. D. Evaluating Conditions for Moored Fish Aggregating Device Fisheries Development in the Caribbean and Bermuda. (In Press). *Frontiers in Marine Science*. DOI: 10.3389/fmars.2022.827068
- 2021 *Millage K.D., **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.**, Bradley D., Burguess M., Lenihan H., Costello C. (2021). Self-Financed Marine Protected Areas. *Environmental Research Letters* DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/ac3439
- Tuholske C., Halpern B., Blasco G., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Frazier M., Caylor K.K. (2021). Mapping global inputs and impacts from human sewage in coastal ecosystems. *PLoS ONE* DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0258898
- Ramírez-Valdez A., Rowell T. J., Dale K., Craig M., Allen L., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Cisneros-Montemayor A., Hernández-Velasco A., Torre J., Hofmeister J., Erisman B. (2021) Asymmetry across international borders: Research, fishery and management trends and economic value of the giant sea bass (*Stereolepis gigas*). *Fish & Fisheries*. DOI: 10.1111/faf.12594
- Lynham J., Nikolaev A., Raynor, J., Vilela T., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** (2021). Reply to "Catch rate composition affects assessment of protected area impacts". *Nature Communications*. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-021-21608-3
- 2020 Wilson M. W., Lawson J. M., Rivera-Hechem M. I., **Villaseñor-Derbez J. C.**, Gaines, S. D. (2020). Status and trends of moored fish aggregating device (MFAD) fisheries in the Caribbean and Bermuda. *Marine Policy*. DOI: 10.1016/j.marpol.2020.104148
- Lynham J., Nikolaev A., Raynor, J., Vilela T., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** (2020). Economic Impact of Two of the Largest Protected Areas on Earth. *Nature Communications*. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-020-14588-3

- Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Lynham J., Costello C. (2020). Environmental Market Design for Large-Scale Marine Conservation. *Nature Sustainability*. DOI: 10.1038/s41893-019-0459-z
- 2019 **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Aceves-Bueno E., Fulton S., Suarez-Castillo A., Hernández-Velasco A., Torre J., Micheli F. (2019). An interdisciplinary evaluation of community-based TURF-reserves. *PLoS ONE*. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0221660
- O'Hara C. **Villaseñor-Derbez., J.C.**, Ralph G., Halpern B. (2019). Mapping status and conservation of global at-risk marine biodiversity. *Conservation Letters*. DOI: 10.1111/conl.12651
- Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, and Fitzgerald S. (2019). Spatial variation in allometric growth of invasive lionfish has management implications. *PeerJ*. DOI: 10.7717/peerj.6667
- 2018 • Reulbach, A. and **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C** (2018). Local Variation in the Diet of Invasive Lionfish. *Journal of Environmental Science and Sustainable Design*, 2
- Peake, J., Bogdanoff A.K., Layman C.A., Castillo B., Chapman J., Dahl K., Patterson W., Eddy C., Ellis R., Faletti M., Higgs N., Johnston M., Muñoz R., Sandel V., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Morris Jr. J.A. (2018). Feeding ecology of invasive lionfish (*Pterois volitans* and *Pterois miles*) in the temperate and tropical western Atlantic. *Biological Invasions*. DOI: 10.1007/s10530-018-1720-5
- Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** Faro C., Wright M., Martínez J., Fitzgerald S., Fulton S., Mancha-Cisneros M.M., McDonald G., Micheli F., Suárez A., Torre J., Costello C. (2018). A user-friendly tool to evaluate the effectiveness of no-take marine reserves. *PLoS ONE*. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0191821
- 2016 Hernández-Velasco A.J., Fernández-Rivera Melo F.J., Melo-Merino, S.M. **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** (2016). Occurrence of *Holacanthus clarionensis* (Pomacanthidae), *Stegastes leucurus*, and *S. acapulcoensis* (Pomacentridae) at Isla Magdalena B.C.S., Mexico. *Marine Biodiversity Records*. DOI: 10.1186/s41200-016-0062-1
- 2015 Ramírez-Valdez A., Dominguez-Guerrero I., Palacios-Salgado D.S., Cota-Nieto J.J., Hinojosa-Arango G., Correa-Sandoval F., Reyes-Bonilla H., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Hernandez A., Aburto-Oropeza, O. (2015). The nearshore fishes of the Cedros archipelago and their biogeographic affinities, northeastern Pacific. *CalCOFI Reports*
- Dreyfus M., Mejía-Trejo A., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** (2015). Analysis of null sets (no catch) made by the Mexican tuna seine fleet (2000-2013). *Ciencias Marinas*. DOI: 10.7773/cm.v41i2.2471
- 2014 **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** & Herrera-Pérez R. (2014). Brief description of prey selectivity and ontogenetic changes in the diet of the invasive lionfish *Pterois volitans* (Actinopterygii, Scorpaenidae) in the Mexican Caribbean. *Pan-American Journal of Aquatic Sciences*, 8(2):131-135

In progress

Revise and Resubmit

Villaseñor-Derbez J.C., Lynham J., Garibay-Tousant I, Narchi. N.E., O'Connor R., Olguín-Jacobson C., DeLeo G.A., Torre J., Arafeh-Dalmau N., Fulton S., Woodson C.B., Micheli F. Are Climate Resilient Fishing Communities More Resilient in General? Lessons from historical environmental variation and the COVID-19 Pandemic. *npj Ocean Sustainability* (Resubmitted Apr 4, 2025)

Villaseñor-Derbez J.C. Fernández R. Fulton S., Hernandez-Velasco A. Herández T. Woodson C.B. Cardenas J.C. Lynham J., DeLeo G.A. Torea J., Micheli F. Harnessing digital technologies to scale the study

of adaptation in small-scale fisheries. *Ocean and Coastal Management* (R&R received on 05/23/2025: OCMA-D-25-000745)

In Review

In preparation

Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C. et al, Generalizability of Adaptive Responses in Small-Scale Fisheries: Insights from Latin America

Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C., Fulton, S., López-Ercilla, L., Torre, J., De Leo, G.A., Hernández-Velasco, A., Quintana A., Aceves-Bueno E., Micheli F. Having your cake and eating it too: limited harvesting in marine reserves allows fishers to stay afloat

Villaseñor-Derbez J.C., Torre J., Micheli F. Vessel monitoring systems reveal the unequal economic and environmental impacts of COVID-19 lockdown on fisheries.

Villaseñor-Derbez J.C., Costello C., Deschenes O. Subsidizing the tragedy of the commons: Evidence from fuel subsidies in Mexican industrial fisheries

Molina R., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, McDonald G., McDermott G. I am the captain now: The global economic toll of piracy on maritime shipping.

Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C. Molina R. and Savoca M. The implied carbon costs of human-induced whale mortality

Molina R., González-Poblete E., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** Indirect fleet competition and optimal control of multi-trophic fisheries

Villaseñor-Derbez J.C., Millage K.D., Bordignon M. First report of total albinism in *Rhamdia guatemalensis* (Günther, 1864) from a cenote in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

GRANTS & AWARDS

Research Grants

- 2024 PADI Foundation Research Grant (\$7,000). Economic impacts of Sargassum blooms on the diving industry.
- 2021 Environmental Solutions Research Grant (\$20,000). Schmidt Family Foundation. Incentives for Equitable and Cost-effective Marine Conservation
- Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000). UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. Designing Conservation Markets for International Cooperation
- 2020 H. William Kuni Research Award (\$14,950). Economic and Ecological responses to global economic shutdowns in coral reef communities. With Erin Winslow and Nathaniel Grimes
- 2019 Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund (\$11,500). Unveiling the Ecology of Giant Sea Bass (*Stereolepis gigas*). With Arturo Ramírez-Valdez and Kyla Blincow
- 2018 H. William Kuni Research Award (\$15,000). The proliferation of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the Caribbean Sea. With Molly Wilson, Julia Lawson, and Ignacia Rivera

- 2017 PADI Foundation Research Grant (\$6,600). Natural history of the giant sea bass (*Stereolepis gigas*) in Mexican waters. With Arturo Ramírez-Valdez and Paula Sgarlatta.

Fellowships and scholarships

- 2017 Doctoral Fellowship (\$61,194). UC Mexus.

Latin American Fisheries Fellowship (\$57,400). University of California, Santa Barbara

International Student's Doctoral Fellowship (\$146,619). Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT).

- 2015 Latin American Fisheries Fellowship (\$42,000). University of California, Santa Barbara

CONACyT International Student's Master's Fellowship (\$64,946). Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT).

Awards and recognitions

- 2019 Best presentation. Integrated Marine Biosphere Research. Awarded best presentation at the Future Oceans Conference

Honorable Mention. Integrated Marine Biosphere Research. Runner-up for best student project at the IMBeR ClimEco6 Summer School

- 2014 Pedro Mercado Sánchez National Oceanography Award. Asociación Mexicana de Oceanólogos. For the best undergraduate research project presented at the XVIII National Oceanography Conference

Honorable Mention. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT). Runner-up for best student paper at the 2nd State Meeting of Young Researchers

Distinguished Student of the Oceanography program. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Ranked first in academic performance for the overall major in 2014

- 2013 Best presentation. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT). For the best student paper at the 1st State Meeting of Young Researchers

Best presentation. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Best undergraduate presentation at the XXI Student Conference

- 2012 Honorable mention. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. 2nd Place for the best undergraduate presentation at the XX Student Conference

Distinguished Student of the Oceanography program. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Ranked first in academic performance for the overall major in 2012

MENTORING (* Chair)

Ph.D. Students

- Gabriella Berman
- Julia (JD) Reigrut* (incoming fall 2025)

M.S. Students

2025 Jennifer Norcross

MPS Students

- Spring 2025: Anton Pham (co-advised with Renato Molina)

Master's Group Theses Mentored (Client in parentheses)

2020 Students: Peyton Moore, Ruben Sanchez-Ramirez, Dylan Glave, Elliott Matthews
Project: Marine Extractive Reserve performance in Brazil
Client: World Wildlife Fund Brazil
Faculty Advisor: Steve Gaines

2019 Students: Caio Della Colleta Vianna, Eva Marrero, Kirby Bartlett, Anna Calle, Sandra Fogg
Project: Assessing Brazil's Marine Aquaculture Potential
Client: World Wildlife Fund Brazil
Faculty Advisor: Hunter Lenihan

2018 Students: Edaysi Bucio, Seleni Cruz, Vienna Saccomanno, Juliette Verstaen, Valeria Tamayo
Project: Economic quantification of delaying management in the Midriff Islands, Mexico
Client: Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C.
Faculty Advisor: Hunter Lenihan

Students: Mario Colon, Daniel Elkin, Lauren Kaapcke, Madison Meltzer, Casey Moorhead
Project: Insurance instruments to leverage natural infrastructure for climate change resilience
Client: The Nature Conservancy
Faculty Advisor: Ashley Larsen & Samantha Stevenson

2017 Students: Fabio Castagnino, Roxanne Diaz, Denise Garcia, Sarah Salem, Camila Vargas
Project: Creating Effective Marine Reserves
Client: Fundación Claudia y Roberto Hernández
Faculty Advisor: Steve Gaines

Undergraduate Students

- Summer/Fall 2025: Aubriana Longnecker, Victoria Lahey, Emma Zgonena

High school students (Placement)

2024 *Kush Gulati

2018 *Alex Reulbach. Small-scale variation in the diet of invasive lionfish. (Marine Biology, UNC)

*Alisha Naidu. Ontogenetic habitat shifts in invasive lionfish. (Computer Science, Williams College)

*Joseph Sausville. Examining trade-offs in economic output and conservation in fishing communities (Claremont McKenna College)

TEACHING

Instructor of record

2025 Fal EVR 628/528 - Introduction to Data Management and Visualization for Environmental Scientists
Spring EVR 774 - Advanced Studies in Environmental Science and Management

Guest Lecturer

- 2024 Economic Incentives and Marine Protected Areas. SIO295S - Introduction to Marine Biodiversity and Conservation. Scripps Institution of Oceanography. UC San Diego.
- 2022 The economics of marine conservation. BIO 301 - Frontiers in Marine Biology. Stanford. (67 students)
- 2020 “Package-less” coding: Coding in base R. ESM 206 - Data Analysis and Statistics. Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. UC Santa Barbara (100+ students)

Marine Conservation in Practice. EEMB 168 - Conservation Ecology. UC Santa Barbara (100+ students)
- 2018 The development cycle of web-based apps. ESM 244 - Adv. Data Analysis and Statistics. Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. UC Santa Barbara (~70 students)

Teaching Assistant for graduate-level courses

- 2020 ESM 206 – Introduction to Environmental Data Science & Statistics with Dr. Allison Horst (100+ students)

ESM 201 – Ecology of Managed Ecosystems with Dr. David Tilman (86 students)
- 2019 ESM 201 – Ecology of Managed Ecosystems with Dr. David Tilman (82 students)

Data Science Workshops

- 2025 Geocomputation in R
- 2021 EcoDataScience Workshop: GNU make and Makefiles for continuous development (and reproducibility)
- 2019 EcoDataScience Workshop: Collaborative workflows with git and GitHub

LAFF workshop: Coding ecological models in R
- 2017 EcoDataScience Workshop: Introduction to R Markdown

Other Workshops

- 2022 Use of the CostApp to budget for marine conservation interventions
- 2019 Evaluation and budgeting of Marine Reserves in Mexico
- 2018 Empirical valuation of Marine Reserves effectiveness
- 2017 A general approach and tool to evaluate the effectiveness of no-take marine reserves

Empirical valuation of Marine Reserves effectiveness
- 2015 REEFCheck California monitoring techniques

Other teaching and mentoring activities

- 2019 Instructor. Family Ultimate Science Exploration, UCSB

Guest Lecturer. Laguna Blanca high school. How can economics help conserve the environment?

2017 Instructor. Colegio Puerto Aventuras (Mexico). Introduction to computer programming in R

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committees

- 2024 Lecturer search. GIS / Marine Policy lecturer. Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science. University of Miami.
- 2020 Faculty Search. Assistant Professor in Environmental Data Science. Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UCSB
- 2019 Dean's Advisory Council. Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UCSB
- 2018 PhD Symposium organization committee. Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UCSB
- 2014 Student Conference Organizer. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, UABC
- 2013 Student Council. Facultad de Ciencias Marinas, UABC

Working groups and panels

- 2025 An Ocean Health Index for the Gulf of California. NCEAS
- 2024 Ocean Capital Workshop: Designing the Latin American Ocean Capital Collective. Innovación Azul
- 2021 Data Science communities in Santa Barbara. Master of Environmental Data Science Program, UCSB
- 2019 Palau's National Marine Sanctuary: Managing Ocean Change and Supporting Food Security. NCEAS
- 2017 Marine Spatial Planning in Baja California: Connecting MPA networks in a transboundary context. COBI
- Defining Socioeconomic indicators for to evaluate marine protected areas. COBI / TNC
- 2016 Defining Ecological indicators for to evaluate marine protected areas. COBI / TNC

Referee Activity

Bulletin of Marine Science (1), Ecological Modeling (2), Frontiers in Marine Science (6), Gulf and Caribbean Research (1), Nature Sustainability (2), Marine Policy (1), Earth System Governance (1); Ecology & Society (1); Science Advances (1)

PRESENTATIONS (*awarded)

- 2025 Evidence of Spillover Benefits from Large-scale Marine Protected Areas to Purse Seine Fisheries. *Measuring Development / The World Bank*
- Empirical evidence that fuel subsidies modify fishing behavior and drive overfishing. *NAAFE 2025*
- A market for 30x30 in the ocean. 30x30 Marine Conservation Virtual Workshop. Earth Journalism Network

- A global market for 30 X 30. Biodiversity Credits: Opportunities for Coastal Conservation and Restoration. Coastal Quest
- 2023 Economic impacts of marine heatwaves in small-scale fisheries. *Latin America & Caribbean Fisheries Congress*
- 2022 Distributional impacts of marine protected areas. *Harnessing Data and Tech for Ocean Health and Sustainability Conference*
- Economic impacts of environmental variation in small-scale fisheries. *HMS seminar series*
- 2019 Status and trends of moored fish aggregating device (MFAD) fisheries in the Caribbean and Bermuda. *72nd GCFI*
- *Change in behavior and effort redistribution after implementation of Large Scale Marine Protected Areas. *Future Oceans2*
- 2018 Effectiveness of community-based marine reserves in small-scale fisheries. *3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Conference*
- 2017 A general approach and tool to evaluate the effectiveness of no take marine reserves. *28th International Congress for Conservation Biology*.
- 2014 Because size matters: Differences in size structure of exploited and unexploited fish populations along the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *XIV National Ichthyology Meeting and III Latin-American Ichthyology Symposium*.
- Biogeographic relationships of fish communities associated to Kelp Forests off the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *XIV National Ichthyology Meeting and III Latin-American Ichthyology Symposium*.
- *Effects of recreational fisheries over sizes and biomasses of fish associated to Kelp Forests. *2nd State Meeting of Young Researchers*.
- *Latitudinal distribution of sizes of fish associated to Kelp Forests off the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *XVIII National Oceanography Conference*.
- *Latitudinal distribution of sizes of fish associated to Kelp Forests off the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *XXII Student Conference at the Marine Sciences School and 1st National Student Conference on Marine and Environmental Sciences*.
- Description of feeding habits and ontogenetic changes in the invasive lionfish *Pterois volitans* (Linnaeus, 1758) diet off the coasts of Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo. *1st Student Conference of Biological Sciences*.
- 2013 Community relationships of fish associated to Kelp Forests off the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *1st State Meeting of Young Researchers*
- Community relationships of fish associated to Kelp Forests off the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. *XXI Student Conference at the Marine Sciences School*
- 2012 Contribution to knowledge of diet and biometrics of the invasive lionfish [*Pterois volitans* (Linnaeus 1758)] off the coasts of Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico. *XIII National Ichthyology Meeting and 1st Latin-American Ichthyology Symposium*

*Contribution to knowledge of diet and biometrics of the invasive lionfish [*Pterois volitans* (Linnaeus 1758)] off the coasts of Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico. *XX Student Conference at the Marine Sciences School*

COMMENTARIES, POPULAR WRITING & SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

(Not all peer-reviewed; All written or available in Spanish)

- 2021 Sumaila U.R. et al. WTO must ban harmful fisheries subsidies. (2021) Letter to *Science*. 374(6567):544
DOI: 10.1126/science.abm1680
- 2020 **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** El Pez León invasor en el Caribe Mexicano. (2020). *Biodiversitas* 149: 2- 6
- 2018 Hernández-Velasco A., Beas-Luna, R., **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.**, Domínguez-Guerrero I., Precoma de la Mora, M., Gómez, A. (2018). Los Bosques Sumergidos de México. *Biodiversitas* 137: 2 - 6
- 2017 Ramírez-Valdez A., Sgarlatta M.P., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Rowell T.J., Erisman B., Hernández A. (2017). Buscando al gigante de los bosques de kelp en las aguas de Baja California: el mero gigante. *Mediterraneus*. DOI 10.13140/RG.2.2.17855.82082
- 2016 Dreyfus, M., Robles, H., **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.** (2016). Distribución espacial de tallas del atún aleta amarilla (*Thunnus albacares*) capturado por la flota atunera mexicana durante el 2001 y 2014. *El Vigía*, 20(43), 5:8.
- 2015 **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.**, Hernández-Velasco, A., Erauskin, M., Fulton, S., Cota-Nieto, J.J., Torre-Cosío, J., Herzka-Llona, S., Aburto-Oropeza, A. (2015). Effects of short-term marine reserves on grouper and bass populations. *DataMares*. DOI: 10.13022/M33K52
- Hernández-Velasco, A., **Villaseñor-Derbez, J.C.**, Suárez Castillo, A., Torre Cosío, A., Espinoza, A. (2015). Isla Natividad en la Reserva del Vizcaíno. *Espacio Profundo*, 136: 34-40.
- Robles H., Dreyfus M., **Villaseñor-Derbez J.C.** (2015). Descargas de la flota atunera mexicana en el Pacífico Oriental en 2014 y su comparación con el período 1992-2013. *El Vigía*, 19(42), 3:5.
- 2014 Ramírez Valdez A., Montaña Moctezuma G., Torres Moye G., **Villaseñor Derbez J.C.**, Aburto-Oropeza O. (2014). Counting fish in the Kelp forests of Baja California. *DataMares*.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.13022/M3BC7X>

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-2022 - Independent Consultant

- Bioeconomic estimation and simulation of costs and benefits of select community-based marine reserves
- Review of 20 year of community-based marine conservation in Mexico
- Evaluation of fisheries subsidies in small-scale fisheries

2018-2019 - Independent Consultant

- Web-app development to calculate operational costs of implementing community-based marine reserves.
- Prepared materials and taught a course on app functionality to environmental managers, NGO members, and government officials.

2018-2019 - Independent Consultant

- Prepared materials and taught three courses on marine reserve evaluation methods to environmental managers and NGO members.

2017-2018 - Independent Consultant

- Performed a national evaluation of marine reserves in Mexico with case studies from the Gulf of California, Pacific and Caribbean.

2015 - 2016 - Data analyst. Mexican Tuna Purse Seine Fleet Research Trust

- Assembled and maintained a spatio-temporal database of landings by the Mexican tuna purse seine fleet
- Conducted spatiotemporal analysis of catch and length distributions to inform management

2015 - 2015 - Field Assistant & Data Manager. Comunidad y Biodiversidad (COBI)

- Coordinated fieldwork to evaluate voluntarily established marine reserves along Baja California
- Produced 3 brochures, 1 interactive visualization and a peer-reviewed article on occurrences of tropical fish in temperate regions

2013 - 2013 - Research Intern. Fundación para el Estudio y Conservación de Condrictios, SQUALUS

- Performed stomach content analysis, trophic ecology, and age-and-growth analysis of sharks and rays
- Produced two reports highlighting main findings

2013 - 2013 - On-board scientific observer. Fisheries Ecology Lab, CICESE

- Performed research on white shark and caged diving interactions in Guadalupe Island, Mexico
- Used standardized etology charts to record white shark behavior

2012 - 2012 - Oceanographic Cruise Research Intern. Oceanography Department, CICESE

- Responsible for performing midwater zooplankton trawls and CTD / ADCP casts

2011 – 2015 - Research Assistant. Kelp Forest Ecology Research Group, UABC

- Underwater ecological surveys to identify fish species in Kelp forests
- Developed software to standardize the input of information
- Analyzed data to produce reports and publications of main findings

DATA SCIENCE SKILLS

Leadership activities

EcoDataScience: Organize workshops and maintain website; Group of 250+ members: eco-data-science.github.io

ERRE – A blog about “Rstats”, in Spanish: erre-esp.org

Software development

startR: An R-package for internal workflow management: emlab-ucsb.github.io/startR/

CostApp V2.0: A web-based app to estimate costs of marine conservation interventions: innovacionazul.shinyapps.io/AppCosteo/

CostApp: A web-based app to estimate costs of marine-reserve implementation: innovacionazul.shinyapps.io/AppCosteo/

MAREA: The Marine Reserve Evaluation App; A web-based app to evaluate conservation interventions: innovacionazul.shinyapps.io/MAREA

GPSelector: A web-based tool to optimize the allocation of students to group projects at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management: jcvd.shinyapps.io/GPSelector/

R and RStudio - Numerical simulation, Geocomputation, Machine learning, Big Data pipelines, Package development, Shiny framework, R Markdown, Unit Testing, Continuous Development and Integration

Git & GitHub - See: <https://github.com/jcvdav/>

Google Cloud Platform - BigQuery (Standard SQL), ComputeEngine, CloudStorage

OTHER SKILLS & TRAINING

Languages

- Spanish (Native)
- English (Fluent; TOEFL iBT: 102; graduate school completed in English)
- French (Basic; DELF A2 certification)

SCUBA certifications

- AAWS Scientific Diver
- PADI Open Water Diver
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver
- PADI Rescue Diver
- FCM-UABC Scientific Diver
- TDI Side mount Diver
- GUE Fundamentals (Tec pass)

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