

Title: **Risk and Uncertainty in Yucatán (México) Fisheries Sector: Gradual Transition to the Third Economy Through tourism Development**

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Abstract: The history of commercial fishing activity in Yucatan coast has almost seventy years. In the late ten years, the fishing activity is in process of transit to another sector related to tourism (recreational) activity. At the same time the government promote other alternatives to fishing without take into account the sociodemographic consideration (migration labor force, ethnic group, religious status), economic drivers (urban and tourism development, economic mobility of labor force) and environmental problems (marine protected areas, environmental laws). Actually, in Yucatan coast there are 16, 000 fishers that combine three and seven comercial fisheries (octopus, lobster and groupers) to obtain livelihoods conditions. Seasonality in fishing and tourism is more and more the high condition to maritime households to survive. In this paper, I highlight these controversial issues with a anthropological perspective after two decades of research taking three fishing communities like cases studies from Yucatan coast. The causes and consequences of this gradual and rapid transition from fishing to tourism are closely related to globalization of economy and culture that marginalize the fishers more than others economic actors.