

**Daniel AQUINO LARA.** Professional archeologist from the University Of San Carlos De Guatemala, with studies in architecture, environmental impact, conservation of cultural heritage and risk management. He has a master's degree in Cultural Heritage Management from the University of Barcelona and several postgraduate specialization programs in the fields of conservation of cultural goods, institutional management of heritage property and museums.

He obtained various scholarships from ICCROM and the “Institut français de l’Amérique latine”, for academic specialization in the fields of preservation of textiles and costumes, the educational work through the museums, among others. He was also awarded as a “Distinguished visitant of Antigua Guatemala.

During his professional career he has participated in archaeological research in various sites of the Maya Area, including Tikal, Yaxha, Nakum, Naranjo, Aguateca, La Joyanca and Tak'alik A'ba'j. He has collaborated in various participatory planning processes for the management of cultural and natural heritage, as well as in initiatives for the valorization and touristic habilitation of sites and parks, especially in the Maya Biosphere Reserve. Between 2005 and 2010 he was in charge of the Yaxha-Nakum-Naranjo National Park conservation programs, designing and directing different research projects, and promoting conservation and dissemination of cultural heritage.

After completing his master's studies at the University of Barcelona, in August 2012 he was appointed Director of the National Museum of Archeology and Ethnology of Guatemala, coordinating all kinds of activities related to the management of this cultural institution. He has strengthened the link with the academic community at international level, has implemented preventive conservation mechanisms according to the needs of the National Collection and has promoted the reinforcement of educational services. In recent years, he has promoted the complete renovation of different exhibition halls, has strengthened the ties with national and foreign archaeological research projects, strengthened the temporary exhibitions program and increased the dissemination of Guatemala's Cultural Heritage at international level, promoting participation in multiple traveling exhibitions in Europe, Asia and America. His academic training, as well as the specialization programs followed and his extensive experience in the management of cultural heritage allow him to have a deep and integral approach of the Cultural Heritage, its uses, challenges and perspectives, within a dynamic oriented towards the preservation of cultural and natural heritage, as an instrument of human development for social transformation.

Some of his publications:

**Aquino, Daniel.** *Patrimonio en la selva maya (2016).* In contemporary experiences about the management and social use of the cultural and natural Mesoamerican heritage. Dossier of Live Heritage. Thematic notebooks of the Latino American reality No. 5. School of History, San Carlos de Guatemala University.

**AQUINO, D.** and E. Barrios. *Los monumentos escultóricos de Petén: patrimonio, memoria e identidad.* (2011). Paper presented in the IV Central American Congress of Archeology. National Museum of Archeology. El Salvador.

**AQUINO, D.,** E. Barrios, V. Ríos and C. Espigares. *Crecimiento y distribución de organismos vegetales menores en la arquitectura prehispánica y su relación con el deterioro del Patrimonio Cultural Edificado. Sitio Arqueológico Nakum.* (2010). In *Resúmenes de Investigaciones 2009.* Social Area. Pages 43-46. General Direction of Investigation. San Carlos de Guatemala University.

## SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW OF ALBA NIDIA PÉREZ HERNÁNDEZ' S WORK

Bachelor's degree in Biology. University of San Carlos de Guatemala.

### Postgraduate studies completed

International Diploma in Coastal Zone Management. University of Guadalajara. South Coast University Center. Mexico. 2007.

### Work experience

In charge of the World Heritage Office, Liaison and Focal Point for UNESCO.

Executive of the Central American Markets for Biodiversity Project - CAMBio Project - Central American Bank for Economic Integration -BCIE-, Global Environment Facility -FMAM- United Nations Development Programme -UNDP-.

**Activities carried out:** Management between the Network of Financial Intermediaries in the country and MSMEs for the placement of credits in biodiversity-friendly investments.

Knowledge of MSMEs in rural areas of the country with a focus on sustainable rural development and mechanisms that facilitate access to finance and resources.

Advisor in the granting of microcredit as a necessary tool for the development of entrepreneurial projects of rural micro and small enterprises.

With more than twenty years of experience in the management and planning of natural resources, biodiversity and protected areas. Much of the work and expertise is related to the Strategic Planning of protected areas, which implies a wide knowledge of environmental legislation regulations, as well as the operational aspects of these areas.

As Director of the Wildlife Department of the National Council of Protected Areas -CONAP-, the experience gained is related to giving an opinion as an official in charge of the institution responsible for the management and use of natural resources inside and outside of wildlife protected areas.

As an independent consultant I have developed several Technical Studies and Management Plans, support and legal basis for the declaration of the following protected areas: "Multiple Use Area Volcano and Laguna of Ipala, Chiquimula", "Multiple Use Natural Reserve of Hawaii, Monterrico and Santa Rosa". Development of the Yaxhá, Nakum, Naranjo, Petén Management Plan.

As an official during different administrations of the National Council of Protected Areas and the Ministry of Environment, I have served as the Focal Point of Different International Conventions that the State of Guatemala has ratified, among them: -Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat.

-Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Focal point for the Integrated Management of Shared Marine Resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME) and Adjacent Regions GEF/UNDP Project. 2005-2007.

Representative of the State of Guatemala to the United Nations (UN) at the 8th Meeting of the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea. New York. 2007.

Professor at the University of San Carlos de Guatemala, responsible for two courses in the Faculty of Biological Sciences.