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OBJECTIVE

To conduct research, educate and offer advisory services on matters related to the management and development of coastal and marine resources in Latin America and the Caribbean, with special interest in outdoor recreation, access to the coast, coastal community development, water quality, recreational fisheries, marine protected areas, sustainable development of natural attractions and resources, coastal tourism, coastal hazards, beach management and smart growth.

EDUCATION

M.A., Natural Resources Development/Outdoor Recreation and Coastal Tourism, **Texas A&M University**, College Station, Texas, U.S.A. May, 1986.

B.S., Business Administration, Accounting-Management **University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez**, Puerto Rico, July, 1978.

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program (UPRSGCP) University of Puerto Rico. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. January 2005 - Present.

Associate Dean of Administration UPRM. University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. July 2003- December 2004.

Associate Director University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program/Director Marine Outreach Program. UPRSGCP Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. 1993-2005.

Marine Extension Agent, Outdoor Recreation-Tourism-Coastal Community Development. University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. 1986-1993.

Research Associate. Marine Recreation Scientific Research Laboratory. Texas A&M

University, College Station, Texas, U.S.A. 1983 - 1986.

ADVISORY POSITIONS

Member of the Board of Directors, Junta Interagencial de Playas de Puerto Rico.
Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2006 – Present.

Program Reviewer, NOAA's Undersea Research Program, Caribbean Marine Research Center. Lee Stocking Island, Bahamas. May 2005.

Member of the Board of Directors, Fideicomiso de Parques Nacionales de Puerto Rico.
San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2000 - 2003.

National Jury, Puerto Rico Blue Flag Beaches Program – Caribbean Blue Flag Campaign. Puerto Rico Tourism Company, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2002 – Present.

Ford Environmental Grants Evaluating Committee. Ford Motor Company. San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2000 – Present.

Outdoor Recreation Advisor to the President of the Senate of Puerto Rico. Senado de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 1988 - 1990.

AWARDS

Colegial Destacado. Circulo de Exalumnos del CAAM/UPR-RUM. April 25, 2003.

Environmental Quality Award for Protecting and Enhancing Environmental Quality.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2. New York, U.S.A. April 16, 2001

Environmentalist of the Year. Liga Ecologica Puertorriqueña de Rincón. Rincón, Puerto Rico. January 14, 1991.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A model for the Sea Grant network transfer of information and technology in the context of international natural disasters, the case of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and Nicaragua 2001-2002. Principal Investigator, Ruperto Chaparro. Develop and implement a large scale extension based coastal and marine education and information program to affect changes in behavior over a continuum of time.

Advisory Services for the Municipality of Rincón and Mayagüez, Development of the

Waterfront Lineal Parks. Principal Investigator, Ruperto Chaparro. Offer advisory services to the municipality of Rincón and Mayagüez which resulted in the renovation of their waterfronts, Lighthouse and the approval of the Bicycle Route by the Department of Transportation. 1989-2010.

PERTINENT PUBLICATIONS

Cartilla de la Zona Marítimo Terrestre. Lugo A., Ramos A., Mercado A., La Luz D., Cintrón G., Márquez L., Chaparro R., Fernández J. Peisch S., Rivera J. 2008.

Surevy Results from Vieques on the Use of the Vieques National Wildlife Refuge (VNWR) and the Potential for Community Participation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the VNWR. Chaparro R., M. Valdés. 2006

The University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College program interdisciplinary research team reconnaissance trip to Honduras to assess the education and technical support needs of coastal communities impacted by Hurricane Mitch. Ruperto Chaparro. May 19, 1999

Underinvestment and Lack of Interest: the Predicament in the Management of Puerto Rico's Beaches. 2000. R. Chaparro

Assessment of Access and Infrastructure Needs of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, in Order to Support Increased Marine Recreational Fishing. National Marine Fisheries Service. Valdés M., R. Chaparro and J. Gutierrez. 1988.

Renovación de Areas Marítimo Portuarias y Costaneras. Programa de Colegio Sea Grant, Universidad de Puerto Rico. UPRSG-G42. Valdés M. y R. Chaparro. 1988.

Oportunidades para Pescadores Comerciales en la Industria de la Recreación Marina. Programa de Colegio Sea Grant, Universidad de Puerto Rico. UPRSG-G-39. Chaparro R. y D. Griffith. 1989.

Developing Marine Recreational Fishing in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. National Marine Fisheries Service. Griffith, D., J. Johnson, M. Valdés, J. Murray, and R. Chaparro. 1988.

Limpieza de Playas '88, Resultados y Recomendaciones. Programa de Colegio Sea Grant, Universidad de Puerto Rico. UPRSG-G-45. R. Chaparro. 1989.

Developing Strategies to Enhance Charter Boat Fishing Operations in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. National Marine Fisheries Service. R. Chaparro. 1992.

Hacia el Desarrollo del Ecoturismo en Puerto Rico: Observaciones y Sugerencias. R. Chaparro, 1992. Presented at the First World Congress on Tourism for the Environment, Belize City, Belize, Central America. 1992.

Upland Sources of Marine Debris on the Shorelines of Puerto Rico. R. Chaparro and J. Vélez. in Marine Debris Sources, Impacts and Solutions. James M. Coe and Donald B. Rogers, Editors. 1997 Springer-Verlag New York, Inc.

Anarquía en las Playas de Puerto Rico: Un Recurso que se Pierde. R. Chaparro. 1996.

El Combate Combate la Basura Marina. R. Chaparro. 1996. Boletín Marino del Programa Sea Grant de la Universidad de Puerto Rico.

El Desarrollo o Destrucción de Culebra. R. Chaparro. 1996. Boletín Marino del Programa Sea Grant de la Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Servicios Preventivos de Guardavidas de Playa. R. Chaparro. 1996.