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Personal Statement

Divemaster and passionate Postgraduate Researcher in the field of Marine Biology at the University of Exeter and collaborator with the University San Francisco de Quito (Galapagos). Currently investigating population connectivity and vulnerability of Eagle Rays in the Galapagos Marine Reserve. Exceptional work ethic, initiative and communication skills as well as extensive field work and data analysis experience. Seeking funding opportunities to continue and expand upon the essential elasmobranch research I am currently undergoing in the Galapagos Islands. Currently undergoing PADI Open Water Scuba Diver training in the UK.

Education & Professional Qualifications

University of Exeter; Master of Science by Research 2019 - Present
Population genomics study of Spotted Eagle Rays in the Galapagos Marine Reserve, in collaboration with University of San Francisco & Quito and the Galapagos Science Centre.

University of Exeter; BSc Marine Biology, First Class Honours 2016-2019
Covering a range of subjects including science communication, marine spacial ecology and biodiversity and conservation. Completed field work in the UK and overseas in Cyprus & the Galapagos, specialising in marine turtles. Research project titled '*Spacial and temporal patterns in hatching success of Green turtles (Chelonia mydas), in Northern Cyprus.*' Graduated with 1st class honours.

Field Experience and Research

Marine Turtle Research Group, Position: *Researcher & Team Leader (Paid)* 2018
Responsibilities included:

- data handling, use of ArcGIS & Excel
- the day to day running and upkeep of a research station in Northern Cyprus
- team leadership
- designing data collection protocols
- fitting satellite tags on Green Turtles
- training a team of volunteers in fitting flipper and PIT tags and taking physiological samples
- nest identification and excavation
- accounts management
- leading public engagement events
- coordinating volunteers
- collaborating & liaising with the local Environmental Agency

Marine Turtle Research Group, Position: *Research Assistant (Voluntary)* 2017
Responsibilities included:

- data handling, use of Excel
- training volunteers in fitting flipper and PIT tags
- giving talks to the public and leading public events
- leading teams of volunteers on night and day surveys

Falmouth Marine Conservation, Position: *Co-founder* 2016 - Present

FMC is a community lead conservation group founded with the support of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, responsibilities include:

- forming a solid link between the community and the University of Exeter
- organising and overseeing biodiversity surveys around Cornwall
- appearing and speaking at conferences

University of Exeter Field Trips:

2016-2019

- Cornwall: rocky-shore ecology surveys
 - Pembrokeshire: Seabird and Cetacean surveys
 - Galapagos: Research project on marine turtle distribution on San Cristobal island
 - All involved data collection in the field, analysis using R, and presentations of findings
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Key Skills

Statistics - trained in statistics, specifically the use of R

GIS - experience using QGIS in the field, trained in the use of arcGIS

Clean Valid UK Driving Licence - (November 2015)

Experienced in Off-Road Driving

Microsoft Excel and Word

Public speaking & communication

Community & Youth Engagement

Fluent English and higher level Spanish

Additional Qualifications

Emergency First Response - Certificate: Instructor 2020

University of Exeter - Certificate: Prevent Duty - Inclusive, Cohesive and Safe Universities 2020

University of Exeter - Certificate: Diversity and Inclusion in HE 2020

University of Exeter - Certificate: Information Governance 2020

Big Blue Diving Koh Tao - Certificate: SSI Divemaster 2019

British Divers Marine Life Rescue - Marine Mammal Medic 2018

Further Experience and Extra Curricular Activities

University of Exeter, Position: *Postgraduate Teaching Assistant* 2019 - Present

Assisting teaching staff at the University of Exeter Centre for Ecology and Conservation in teaching activities of undergraduates across a wide range of modules, from field and lab skills to statistical modelling and more.

Big Blue Diving Koh Tao: Position: *Divemaster & Dive guide* 2019

Big Blue Diving is the largest & most popular SSI dive school/resort in the world. After training there in 2019 I was employed as a dive guide. My responsibilities included meeting and greeting customers, promoting courses, delivering refresher courses and safety briefings as well as leading groups certified divers on guided scuba dives.

Plastic Free Falmouth: Position: *Co-founder, Outreach lead* 2017- Present

PFF is a community group working in partnership with Surfers Against Sewage to campaign against plastic use in Falmouth and surrounding areas. In founding the PFF group I was a Community Lead for the Surfer's Against Sewage Plastic Free Coastlines campaign. We now have an outreach programme that delivers activities and lessons to educate children about a range of marine conservation topics.

University of Exeter, Position: *Biosciences Subject Chair* 2017-2019

My role includes chairing student-staff liaison committee meetings, representing the biosciences cohort at high level meetings, forming agendas and taking minutes. Experience gained in delivering talks and presentations.

University of Exeter, Position: *Student Ambassador* 2017-Present

As Student Ambassador I am in a customer service and student recruitment role, in which I am one of the first faces people meet when visiting the university. During my time as a Student Ambassador I have delivered student recruitment talks to audiences of over 200 as well as lead transferable skills workshops in secondary schools and colleges, specialising in communication skills.

Talks delivered at: Galapagos Science Centre Community Engagement evenings (2020), Women in Marine Biology Celebratory Evening (2019), Undergraduate Research Conference (2019), Plastic Free Conference (2019), Cornwall Wildlife Trust YSBR conference (2018).

Awards: College of Life and Environmental Sciences School's Commendation for Outstanding Contribution to the College and the University of Exeter (2018/19)

Featured in Gemma Wearing documentary: "A Wave of Change" about women working on the frontline of marine conservation (2019).

References available on request