

# Wagner Quirós Pereira

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## EDUCATION

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### **Master of Environmental Science and Management** (Expected June 2017)

*Coastal Marine Resources Management Specialization*

Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, University of California, Santa Barbara

Honors: Latin American Fisheries Fellowship and Costa Rica Ministry of Science and Technology Innovation and Social Capital Scholarship

### **Bachelor of Biology with a Focus on Marine Biology**

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (February 2007- November 2011)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Marine Responsible Fishing Areas Project Consultant** (May 2014-April 2015)

Fundación MarViva and the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), Costa Rica

- Supervised a multidisciplinary team of professionals
- Analyzed 5 International experiences of responsible fishing efforts in Latin-America
- Prepared an interactive training and awareness workshop on responsible fishing for 16 small scale artisanal fishing communities (over 300 fishers trained)
- Analyzed the degree of implementation of 7 Responsible Fishing Marine Areas in Costa Rica alongside local fishers, government institutions and non-governmental organizations

### **Founder and Director** (March 2007-PRESENT)

Biocenosis Marina, San José, Costa Rica.

- Member of the interinstitutional commission that created the San Juanillo Responsible Fishing Marine Area, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
- Supervised projects oriented on research and economic alternatives for the small scale artisanal fishing community of San Juanillo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
- Coordinated projects oriented on the research and conservation of sea turtles in the Ostional National Wildlife Refuge and the Santa Rosa National Park, Costa Rica

### **Costa Rica Projects Manager** (October 2004-August 2015)

International Student Volunteer, I.S.V., Costa Rica

- Supervised the program field and office team. Average of 15 staff per year
- Coordinated the experience of over 5,000 university students from the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in volunteer projects focused in conservation and community development in Costa Rica. A total of 75% of projects were located in coastal protected areas and communities
- Worked along with over 40 local-based groups, non-governmental organizations, universities, and government institutions in volunteer projects development

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## VIDEO AND DOCUMENTARY EXPERIENCE

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### Scriptwriter and Executive Producer

International Student Volunteers and BIOMA MEDIA Productions

- *ISV Impact Our World 2015*
- *Responsible Fishing Interactive Workshop 2015*
- Proyecto Carey Documentary: *Communicating community development and science results to the general public*

### Script collaborator and logistics coordinator

- *Larry King In View Program*, Volunteers and the San Juanillo Responsible Fishing Marine Area. Featured on Discovery Channel 2012

## POLITICAL and PUBLIC OUTREACH

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### Network Coordinator

- Costa Rica Sea Turtle Conservation Network (February 2008-November 2009)
- Coordinated the Analysis of the Marina and Mooring of Vessels Act of Costa Rica (March 2010)
- Co-coordinator and Initial founder of the “Front for our Seas Network” which successfully created a campaign to direct the Costa Rica government attention into marine and oceanic topics. As a result of this effort, the government officially release three major country initiatives under the name of “The Blue Agenda”. Some outcomes were the generation of executive decrees that created a Cabinet-level National Marine Commission to coordinate marine conservation policy, a new Waters and Oceans Vice Ministry under the current Environment Ministry, and an Oceanic Navigation Bill that would establish an updated regulatory framework for patrolling and enforcing environmental laws at sea (February 2011- October 2013)

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

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**Language:** Native language (Spanish), English (fluent) and Portuguese (intermediate)

### Sea Turtle Symposium Presentations:

- **Oral:** San José, Costa Rica (February 2004), Crete, Greece (March 2006), Goa, India (April 2009).
- **Poster:** Miami, USA (February 2002), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (March 2003)

**Travel:** Visited several countries for work and courses, including: United States, Panamá, Guatemala, Belize, México, Spain, Guatemala, Borneo, Bermuda and Australia

**Proposals grantee:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), MarViva Foundation and the InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB).

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Brenes, C., Márquez, A., Quirós., W & Benavides, R. 2012. Hydrographic and bathymetric survey of the Ostional Wildlife Refuge and its adjacent areas. Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Rev. Mar. Vol. 4