

# Miguel Gómez Muñoz

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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Environmental Science and Management** (expected 6/15)

**Coastal Marine Resources Management Specialization**

**Bren School of Environmental Science & Management - University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)**

**Fellowship:** Recipient of the Walton Foundation Latin American Fisheries Fellowship for academic excellence

**Relevant Coursework:** Ecology of managed ecosystems, Statistics & data analysis, Economics of environmental management, Environmental law and policy, Geographic information systems, Natural resource economics, Fundamentals of fisheries management, population dynamics, and stock assessment

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science** (6/05)

**University of Plymouth (UK)**

**Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Engineering** (6/03)

**Escola Universitaria Politècnica de Mataró. Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)**

## MASTER'S THESIS GROUP PROJECT

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Evaluating and enhancing management strategies for the California's commercial swordfish fishery (4/14 –present)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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**Coordinator of Policy and Campaigning Department** (1/06 – 5/13)

**Programa Restauración de Tiburones y Tortugas Marinas (PRETOMA)**, San José, Costa Rica.

- Managed and participated in sea turtle and shark research on nesting beaches and in water tagging programs.
- Conducted fisheries research and data analysis, including field observation on landing sites and onboard observation for small scale and long-line Costa Rican fisheries.
- Promoted and participated in the creation and the development of the management plans for two National Wildlife Refuges (multiple use MPAs) in the Northern Pacific of Costa Rica.
- Promoted MSC certification for small scale spotted snapper fishery (successful Scientific Certification System pre-assessment).
- Involved in strategies that promote co-management and alternative market opportunities among fishing communities, and enhanced participation of fishers in management decisions.
- Worked with the Costa Rican government to draft proposals pertaining to the conservation of endangered species of sharks and sea turtles present in multiple international forums, including the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), and the Convention in International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

**Shark conservation policy consultant** (11/06-6/08).

**Humane Society International (HSI)**, San Jose, Costa Rica.

- Coordinated the Latin American Shark Coalition, a network of Latin American NGOs working at a political level to promote shark conservation policies. These efforts resulted in a "fins attached" recommendation for its implementation under the United Nations Sustainable Fisheries Resolution in 2007.
- Led regional NGO networking and lobbying strategies.
- Facilitated NGO and government communication in Latin America.

## ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Technical assistant, Technical Federal Signal VAMA**, Spain (9-12/05)

**Medical Equipment Repair Manager, Linvatec Spain**, Spain (2/04-9/05)

**Window NT Administration Assistant, Sistemas Contables y Estadísticos**, Spain (6-12/03)

**Red Cross. Spanish teacher and immigration integration advisor** (Volunteer position), Spain, (1/04-6/05)

## COMPETENCIES AND INTERESTS

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**Languages:** Spanish and Catalan (Native languages) and English (written and spoken fluency)

**Computer:** PC computer proficient, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word), RStudio, ArcMap

**PADI** Advanced Water certification (2006)