

EDUCATION

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

Master of Environmental Science and Management (June 2014)

Corporate Environmental Management and Coastal Marine Resources Management specializations

Award: Recipient of the Walton Foundation Latin American Fisheries Fellowship

Master's Thesis Group Project: Establishing feasibility metrics and evaluating the potential for Catarina scallop restoration and aquaculture in the Ensenada de La Paz, in Baja California, Mexico

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Bachelor of Science in Biology (June 2007)

Geography minor

WORK EXPERIENCE

Commercial Intern, Seafood Marketing and Distribution

Santa Monica Seafood, Santa Monica, California, US (December 2013)

- Learned about seafood quality assurance from the wholesale and retail sales, processing, receiving, and packing departments at this large seafood processing and distribution firm

Fisheries Intern, Best Practices Guide

Conservation International, Caravelas, Bahia State, Brazil (August 2013)

- Reviewed literature and data on coastal and marine ecosystems and high-value seafood species to inform the creation of a Best Practices Guide for fishers operating in the Corumbau Marine Extractive Reserve
- Traveled to Cumuruxatiba, Bahia to meet with fishers, document their practices and gear used, and discuss the co-creation of the Best Practices Guide

Program Manager, Outreach and Mexico

Reef Check Foundation, Pacific Palisades, California, US (June 2006 – September 2012)

- Conducted market research to inform stakeholders and improve commercialization of marine products from Baja California's fishing cooperatives
- Established and built relations between fishing cooperatives and international companies to support the trade in sustainably caught seafood and aquarium products
- Created training materials and reports by researching, organizing and summarizing multi-source data
- Trained fisher-divers and recreational divers to conduct scientific underwater surveys
- Wrote articles for a variety of publications; and translated documents and oral presentations
- Organized a sustainable tourism project and built alliances between a coastal community and tourism operators

Research Assistant, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, US (September – December 2005)

- Performed research on batoids, including assisting in developing digital maps of the electrosensory and mechanosensory systems in three ray species
- Delivered appropriate care to live specimens

Outreach Volunteer

Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, California, US (April 2000 – June 2005)

- Conducted public presentations on the effects of waste on humans and the marine environment at schools, reaching audience-sizes 20-40 and ages from 5 – over 60 years old
- Served as beach captain by leading beach cleanups in Santa Monica and surrounding beaches

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Language: Fluent in English and Spanish, and basic Portuguese

Training: Open water diver

Publications: Reef Check California Instruction Manual: Guide for monitoring the kelp forest off the Baja California peninsula (2010)