

# Flavia Scocca

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## Education

**Master's Degree**      Marine Biology and Ecology  
Oct 2018 – Jun 2021      Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy) – 110/110

Field experience:

- Monitoring of *Posidonia oceanica* prairies by scuba diving and drone photography - Visual fish census surveys (Isola del Giglio, Tuscan Archipelago National Park – June 2019)
- Sampling and identification of freshwater invertebrates and fishes – Brown trout stocking programme (Zompo lo Schioppo Natural Reserve – January 2019)

**Erasmus+**      Marine Sciences  
Sep 2019 – Feb 2020      Universidad de Cádiz (Spain)

Field experience:

- Sampling and identification of microalgae and plants – Identification of shorebirds - Assessment of the trophic chain (San Pedro River estuary, Los Toruños Natural Park - December 2019)
- Evaluation of the conservation status and management proposal for the area - Creation of an awareness-raising video for children (Paraje de los Lances, Estrecho Natural Park – November 2019)

**Bachelor's degree**      Natural Sciences  
Oct 2015 – Oct 2018      Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy) – 110/110 cum laude

**Erasmus+**      Life Sciences  
Sep 2017 – Feb 2018      Sorbonne Université de Paris (France)

**Secondary School**      Foreign Language High School Diploma  
Sep 2010 – Jun 2015      Istituto Magistrale "G. Guacci", Benevento (Italy)

## Languages

Italian – Mother tongue  
English – Fluent (C1)

French – Fluent (C1)  
Portuguese – Advanced (B2)

Spanish – Intermediate (B1-B2)  
German – Intermediate (B1)

## Experience

**Fisheries Observer** - Programa de Observação pelas Pescas dos Açores – Instituto do Mar  
May to September 2023 – Açores (Portugal)

- Observer living on board pole and line tuna fishing vessels
- Ensuring compliance with the "Dolphin safe" and "Friends of the sea" certifications
- Collecting data on fishing effort, gears used and total catch
- Fish ID, measurements and estimation of weight
- Recording observations of cetaceans, birds, turtles and marine litter through transects

### **Interreg Volunteer Youth Project Partner - Parc Naturel Régional des Vosges du Nord**

September 2022 to March 2023 – La Petite Pierre (France)

Interreg programme “Endangered animal species” in the Vosges du Nord - Pfälzerwald Cross-border UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

Reintroduction of crayfish and monitoring of the population through visual census and camera traps

Bat surveys in hibernation sites and inspections for improvement of potential reproduction sites

Writing scientific articles and supporting dissemination activities for schools and general public

Working in a bilingual and multidisciplinary environment, promoting international cooperation

### **Animal Care Assistant - Opvangcentrum Vogels en Wilde Dieren (Wildlife Rescue Centre)**

July and August 2022 – Ostend (Belgium)

European Solidarity Corps

Catching, handling, weighting and releasing birds and small mammals

Preparing food and cleaning cages and equipment

Force feeding through syringes, tubes and tweezers

Basic health assessment of new intakes

Assisting vets when giving medicine, taping or disinfecting wounds

### **Fisheries Observer - Cyprus Bycatch Project – Society for the Protection Of Turtles**

March to May 2022 - North Cyprus

On-board Fisheries Observer on small-scale fisheries vessels

Collection of data about fishing effort, GPS tracks and species ID

Handling, measuring, tagging and sampling of vulnerable bycaught species such as sharks, rays and turtles

Deployment of bycatch reduction LED lights and passive acoustic monitoring devices

Turtle stranding intervention: data collection and disposal of carcasses

Assistance in necropsies of turtles and sharks

Assistance in bird census, mist-netting and bird ringing

### **Photographer - TrackArena.com**

November 2015 to February 2022 - Italy

Photographer for athletics competitions on track or road, both at national and international level

Professional experience with the use of DSLR cameras and basic experience in photo and video editing

Assistance in writing articles and managing social media accounts

### **CNGEI Italian Scouting Association - From 2003 to 2015**

Camping and outdoor life, cleaning and cooking for big groups

Getting involved with local communities (Clean-up days, Christmas charity lunch)

Learning about environmental, social and health themes through games and debates

Being a leader and planning simple activities for small mixed-age groups

## **Other Skills**

Training on basic security at sea, firefighting and first aid (Escola do Mar dos Açores – May 2023)

Laboratory: Use of microscope - Dissection of vertebrates and invertebrates - DNA extractions and PCR

Informatics: Basic data analysis with Excel, Geneious and QGIS

**Scuba Diving License:** Advanced Adventurer (SSI) – Issued June 2021 – More than 30 dives

**Driving License:** EU Manual Driving License B

## **Conferences and Training courses**

IUCN International Bycatch Meeting – 4 to 6 October 2022, Online

FAO Training course on the identification and handling of vulnerable bycaught species – February 2022, Online

EcoFish Project Day: Sustainable fisheries in the Gulf of Cádiz – 13 December 2019, Sanlúcar de Barrameda (Spain)

