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Driving and boat licences



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – Wildlife Research and Conservation

- March 2012 to Sept. 2016** (4.5 years) **Project Manager** for the NGO **Souffleurs d'Ecume**.
- Leading/Managing projects to reduce the impact of human activities on cetacean populations;
 - Research on the movements of fin whales and sperm whales in the north-western Mediterranean Sea;
 - Training of professionals of the sea on marine ecology and cetacean conservation;
 - Presentation of results in international conferences;
 - Education of the general public (conferences, activities, stand, for children and adults);
 - Organisation of field trips at sea;
 - Intern supervision;
 - Grant application.
- June to Sept. 2012** (4 months) **Project Manager Assistant** for the **Groupe d'Etude des Cétacés de Méditerranée** (GECEM).
- Update of an online database;
 - Data collection at sea;
 - Matching between several Risso's dolphin photo-identification catalogues.
- July 2010** (1 month) **Naturalist guide** on-board a sailing boat for the organisations **Participe Futur** and **EcoOcéan Institut**. Identification of areas of high human pressure and evaluation of impacts on the abundance and distribution of the different species of cetaceans in the Gulf of Lions.
- In charge of data collection;
 - Training and education of volunteers to data collection protocols, marine mammal research and biology;
 - Photo-identification;
 - Assistance in manoeuvres and organisation of life on-board.
- July to August 2009** (2 months) **Assistant Biologist** for the **Reykjavik Whale-Watching Centre** and the **University of Iceland**. Study of the Minke whale feeding techniques in association with seabirds and white-beaked dolphin abundance estimation.
- Photo-identification;
 - Data collection at sea and computer entry;
 - Information and education of tourists;
 - Behaviour and feeding technique analysis.
- August 2008** (1 month) **Volunteer** for the **Whale Research Laboratory** of the **Society for Ecological And Coastal Research** on Vancouver Island, Canada. Grey whale migration monitoring.
- Data collection at sea and computer entry;
 - Photo-identification matching;
 - Sonar recording analysis.
- August 2007** (1 month) **Assistant Biologist** in Greece for the **Tethys Research Institute**. Study of common dolphins and bottlenose dolphins.
- Data collection at sea and first photo-identification experience;
 - Photo-identification matching;
 - Participation to the education of volunteers.
- Winter/Summer 2007** (14 weeks) **Intern** for a work placement for the two-year degree in Nature Protection and Management at the **Centre d'Observation de la Nature de l'Île du Beurre** (France).
- Estimation and distribution of the Eagle owl in a natural park;
 - Socio-economic context analysis;
 - Proposal of management measures with a budget.
- August 2006** (3 weeks) **Ecovolunteer** in Greece for the **Tethys Research Institute**. Study of common dolphins and bottlenose dolphins.
- Participation to data collection and to data entry on computer.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – Education and Camp organisation

- March 2012** (1 week) **Ski camp organiser** with children from 6 to 14 years old organised by the **Institut de Formation, d'Animation et de Conseil (IFAC) Bourgogne**.
- February 2012** (1 month) **Organiser** in a social centre for the **Association de Défense et de Sauvegarde de l'Enfance et de l'Adolescence de l'Ain (ADSEA 01)**.
- July 2005, 2006, 2008** (2 weeks) **Summer camp organiser** for the **Fédération des Œuvres Laïques (FOL) de l'Ain** with children from 6 to 14 years old.
- Conveying;
 - Supervision during outdoor activities (canyoning, sailing) ;
 - Camp organisation and management;
 - Discovery of and education on nature through different activities.

OTHER EXPERIENCE – Road-trip in South America in a van

- June 2017 to Apr. 2018** (10 months) **Road-trip** to discover South American biodiversity and cultures.
- 45 000 km travelled;
 - 7 territories visited (French Guyana, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador).
- Oct. 2016 to May 2017** (8 months) **Preparation** of the trip.
- Van furnishing and shipping overseas;
 - Route planning;
 - Establishment of local contacts.

STUDIES

- January 2016** Attendance to the French **Marine Mammal Stranding Network** Training Course.
- September 2011** **Master of Research in Marine Mammal Science**, Sea Mammal Research Unit, University of St Andrews, Scotland.
Thesis topic: identification of Southern elephant seal (*Mirounga leonina*) feeding areas from satellite telemetry data and correlation with static/dynamic surface/deep oceanographic variables.
- June 2010** **Undergraduate Degree in Sea and Environmental Sciences**, with distinction, Marseille Institute of Oceanography, Aix-Marseille II University.
- March 2010** **TOEFL**, score: 105/120.
- June 2008** **Two-year technical degree in Nature Protection and Management**, Institut de l'Environnement et des Technologies, with distinction, Université Professionnelle Internationale de Lyon René Cassin.
- June 2006** **European Scientific High-school degree**, with distinction, Lycée St Pierre, Bourg-en-bresse, France.
- March 2006** **Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)**, University of Cambridge.
- October 2005** **Camp Organiser Diploma** with a specialty in Nature and Environment.

Foreign Languages

- English: fluent, technical and scientific English
- Spanish: good notions

Computer skills

- Master: Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Good knowledge: R, Manifold, EndNote
- Notions: MapInfo, ArcGIS, Access, Panguard, Photoshop, Illustrator

Temporary jobs

- Waiter at *Le Rendez-vous* snack, St Andrews, Scotland
- Substitute English teacher in primary school;
- All-topic tutoring for students from 10 to 40 years old.

Hobbies

- Sport (rugby for 15 years)
- Ornithology
- Circus
- History
- Sailing
- Travel
- Geopolitics
- Scuba diving