



São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Scenarios and Modelling on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to Support Human Well-Being

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I am from Uruguay, South America. I held dual bachelor's degrees in Biological Sciences (major in Vertebrate Zoology) and on Biochemistry (major in Evolutionary Biology). I did my master's in Wildlife Science at Mississippi State University, USA, and I am currently doing my PhD in Ecology at University of Alberta, Canada. I have been broadly interested in zoology, ecology, evolution, and conservation biology since early in my career, and vertebrates have always been my fascination and preferred study groups. I am interested in questions within the interface of population ecology, community ecology and macroecology that may help unravel patterns and processes that have direct conservation relevance. I seek to understand the drivers of abundance and distribution shifts of species and communities in response to human-induced climate and land-use change, as this information is key to predict and develop strategies to potentially mitigate these impacts. In the face of present and predicted further decline in biodiversity, mostly in response to human pressure to the biosphere, I am determined to become an active scholar in the generation of new and reliable knowledge to inform strategies for biodiversity conservation in the Anthropocene. To attain this, I believe in collaborative research. Conservation biology is a highly multidisciplinary science, and when we try to tackle global ecological issues and attain conservation solutions at the international scale, collaboration between multiple partners is the way forward. Lastly, I try to live my life being as consistently as possible with my beliefs, making efforts to minimize my ecological footprint and sparking sustainability conversations to bring awareness, and gain new perspectives for new bottom-up solutions.