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I am a Biologist, originally from the extreme south of Brazil, where I completed my Bachelor and Master studies. Right after completing the Master degree, I decided to try a professional experience outside academy, working for an environmental agency in the public sector. This was the best decision I could have made because, for the first time, I faced the complexity of the decision-making process regarding conflicts between environmental conservation and urban development. Realizing that many decisions were not appropriately informed by science, I decided to move back to academy and conduct a PhD research on a topic that could help public agents to adopt science-based decisions and protect biodiversity within cities.

Along this path, my research interests have also changed. During Bachelor studies, I conducted projects on animal biology and ecology, and added genetic tools to complement this work during the Master, always with the ultimate goal of providing knowledge to inform species conservation measures. Besides still being completely attached to these interests, I realized that environmental conservation primarily depends on convincing people of the importance of protecting nature. Therefore, on my PhD I decided to focus on the interface nature-people, having as main research interests: nature contributions to people, one health, biodiversity, green spaces, and urban environments.