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I am a Brazilian biologist with a master in Forestry Engineering and a PhD in Natural Sciences, involved in research on plant ecology with a focus on restoration ecology. In the last 15 years I have lived in different places in Brazil, Europe and USA to work and study, and have learned that interacting with different groups and scientists is the best way to make science and to deliver results that society can understand and use.

During my bachelor and master in Brazil I worked with restoration of riparian Atlantic Forest. In my PhD in Germany (2013 to 2017) my group and I were interested in understanding how plants interact (above and belowground), in order to reach specific restoration outcomes during grassland restoration.

I am currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Botanical department of a university in southern Brazil (UFSC) and collaborating with two other groups in Brazil which work with restoration with a socio-ecological approach. My research interests are plant interactions to inform restoration and avoid invasive species, and socio-ecological resilience.