

**EUROPEAN
CURRICULUM VITAE
FORMAT**



PERSONAL INFORMATION



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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to) 1 November 2012 - present
- Name and address of employer University of the Azores, Biology Department, CIRN, São Miguel, Azores & CIIMAR, Porto
- Type of business or sector Research
- Occupation or position held PhD Student
- Main activities and responsibilities Title Project: Multi-aspect approach for managing whale watching and swimming with dolphins activities in an area of high cetaceans diversity: implications for conservation

- Dates (from – to) 1 April 2012 - 31 October 2012; 1 April 2011 - 1 November 2011; 16 July 2010 - 10 November 2010; 25 June 2009 - 10 August 2009
- Name and address of employer Terra Azul Whale and Dolphin Watching Company
Loja 4 – Marina de Vila Franca do Campo
9680-515 Vila Franca do Campo
São Miguel
Azores
- Type of business or sector Tourism- Maritime
- Occupation or position held Marine biologist guide
- Main activities and responsibilities Education activity onboard whale watching boats
Data collection for the MONICET project (www.monicet.net), University of the Azores
Reception, booking and selling activity

- Dates (from – to) 1 June - 30 June 2010
- Name and address of employer The Marine Mammal Center
2000 Bunker Road, Fort Cronkhite
Sausalito, CA 94965-2619
USA
- Type of business or sector Rescue/Rehabilitation
- Occupation or position held Animal care volunteer
- Main activities and responsibilities Preparing and giving meals to California sea lions, harbour seals and elephant seals, boarding, restraining, tube feeding and pens' cleaning

- Dates (from – to) 1 February - 30 May 2010
- Name and address of employer Okeanis
- Type of business or sector Conservation/Research
- Occupation or position held Intern

- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Dates (from – to)
 - Sea otter data collection and analysis
 - Data entry, update of the bottlenose dolphin photo-identification catalogue and data analysis
 - Name and address of employer
 - 7 February 2008 - 31 October 2008; 8 June 2007 - 30 October 2007; 1 May 2006 - 30 August 2006
 - The Húsavík Whale Museum
 - Hafnarstétt 640 Húsavík,
 - Iceland
 - Type of business or sector
 - Education/Tourism
 - Occupation or position held
 - Volunteer researcher
- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Dates (from – to)
 - Data collection and analysis (effort, sightings, cetacean dive time rates, photo-identification) in collaboration with the local whale watching company North Sailing
 - Training other volunteers in data collection and data entry
 - Education activity, guided tours and museum's exhibitions work
 - Reception and selling duties
 - Name and address of employer
 - 7 February 2008 - 13 March 2008; 23 August 2008 - 3 September 2008
 - IFAW
 - Non Profit/Conservation
 - Occupation or position held
 - Consultant
- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Dates (from – to)
 - Whale watching feasibility study in the Westfjords, Iceland. Duties comprised collection of information on facilities, cetacean sightings and people interested in starting a new business in the local area (survey questionnaires used during the period August-September of the project) and participating in the writing of two unpublished reports.
 - Name and address of employer
 - 24 June - 18 August 2004
 - Centro Ricerca Cetacei srl
 - Via Wittigens, 3
 - 20121 Milano
 - Italy
 - Type of business or sector
 - Education/Tourism
 - Occupation or position held
 - Educator
- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Dates (from – to)
 - Educational and awareness activity about cetacean ecology and conservation at a tourist location in Punta Ala, Toscana, Italy
 - Name and address of employer
 - 3 June 2002 – 27 September 2003
 - Centro Ricerca Delfini - CTS
 - Loc. Stagnali Caprera, Sardinia
 - Italy
 - Type of business or sector
 - Conservation/Education
 - Occupation or position held
 - Volunteer researcher
- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Dates (from – to)
 - 2005 – 2006
 - Name and type of organisation providing education and training
 - Department of Biology
 - University of Wales, Bangor, UK
 - Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 - Biology, Physiology, Bioacoustics, Survey techniques, Scientific writing, Oceanography and Remote sensing, Behavioural ecology, Conservation biology and Genetics, Anthropogenic impacts, Stranding and Pathology all applied to marine mammals
 - Dissertation: The spatial and temporal distribution of cetaceans within Skjálfandi Bay, North East Iceland
 - Title of qualification awarded
 - Msc Marine Mammal Science
 - Level in national classification (if appropriate)
 - Degree in Master of Science
- Dates (from – to)
 - 1997- 2003
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training
 - Department of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences
 - University of Milan, Italy
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 - Conservation of nature and natural resources

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- Title of qualification awarded Naturalist
- Level in national classification Degree in Natural Science
 - Dates (from – to) 1991-1996
- Name and type of organisation Liceo Linguistico Sperimentale G. Agnesi
Milano, Italy
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered English, Spanish and German
 - Title of qualification awarded High school language qualification
 - Level in national classification Diploma

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Acquired in the course of life and career but not necessarily covered by formal certificates and diplomas.

MOTHER TONGUE **ITALIAN**

OTHER LANGUAGES

Self-assessment

European level ()*

English

Spanish

German

Portuguese

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Advance User	C1	Advance User	C1	Advance User	C1	Advance User	C1	Advance User
B2	Indipendent User	B2	Indipendent User	B1	Indipendent User	B1	Indipendent User	B1	Indipendent User
A1	Basic user	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User
C1	Indipendent User	C1	Indipendent User	B2	Indipendent User	B2	Indipendent User	B2	Indipendent User

(*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

SOCIAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Living and working with other people, in multicultural environments, in positions where communication is important and situations where teamwork is essential (for example culture and sports), etc.

LIVING, STUDYING, AND WORKING WITHIN A MULTICULTURAL ATMOSPHERE IN UK (UNIVERSITY OF WALES, BANGOR), ICELAND (THE HUSAVIK WHALE MUSEUM) AND AZORES (TERRA AZUL) ALLOWED ME TO ACQUIRE INTERPERSONAL SKILLS. WORK EXPERIENCES IN ICELAND AND AZORES GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO GAIN SKILLS IN ORAL EXPOSITIONS ABOUT RESEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC.

TEAMWORK WAS CRUCIAL DURING MY EXPERIENCE AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER, CALIFORNIA, WHERE VOLUNTEERS COLLABORATE TO ACCOMPLISH VARIOUS TASKS WITHIN A DEFINITE TIME. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMER CARE EXPERIENCES AT CALL CENTERS DURING WINTER TIME (OPENCARE AND EUROPASSISTANCE VAI, ITALY) HELPED DEVELOPING INTERPERSONAL AND LISTENING SKILLS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO CLIENTS NEEDS.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets; at work, in voluntary work (for example culture and sports) and at home, etc.

I CONSIDER MYSELF A COMMITTED PERSON, ABLE TO COORDINATE A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE FOR DUTIES SUCH AS DATA COLLECTION AND DATA ENTRY. I HAD THE CHANCE TO INTRODUCE AND GUIDE VOLUNTEERS WHILE IN ICELAND (HUSAVIK WHALE MUSEUM) AND IN THE AZORES (TERRA AZUL AND UNIVERSITY OF THE AZORES) WITHIN THESE TASKS.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

With computers, specific kinds of equipment, machinery, etc.

MICROSOFT OFFICE (USED FOR STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY AND IN ALL MY WORK PRODUCTION – WORD FOR TEXT, EXCEL FOR DATA ANALYSIS AND POWER POINT FOR PRESENTATIONS)

STATISTICAL SOFTWARES USED: MINITAB13, SIGMASTAT, R

GIS (ARCVIEW3.3) USED WITHIN THE PROJECT FOR MY MASTER THESIS

MATLAB USED DURING MY MASTER COURSE FOR BIOACOUSTICS ASSIGNMENTS

ACDSEE USED DURING THE INTERNSHIP AT OKEANIS, CALIFORNIA, WITHIN A PHOTO-IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

INTERNET

ARTISTIC SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES
Music, writing, design, etc.

PAINTING AND PAPIER MÂCHÉ TECHNIQUE USED FOR EXHIBITS OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC NATURE AT THE HUSAVIK WHALE MUSEUM
INTEREST IN NATURALISTIC PHOTOGRAPHY

OTHER SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES
Competences not mentioned above.

ENGLISH COURSE CERTIFICATE - IST AGENCY, OXFORD 1993
GERMAN COURSE CERTIFICATE - GOETHE INSTITUTE, MILANO 1994
MARINE MAMMAL OBSERVER (MMO) COURSE CERTIFICATE - SCANNING OCEAN SECTORS, LIFEBOAT COLLEGE POOLE, UK 2008
MARINE MAMMAL MEDIC (MMM) COURSE CERTIFICATE – BRITISH DIVERS MARINE LIFE RESCUE, BEWL WATER, SOUTH EAST SUSSEX, UK 2009
PADI OPEN WATER DIVER - ESPIRITO AZUL, AZORES 2010

DRIVING LICENCE(S)

Car licence
Boat licence (basic skipper)

PUBLICATIONS

Bertulli C.G., **Cecchetti, A.**, Van Bresse M-F., Van Waerebeek, K. 2012. Skin disorders in common minke whales and white beaked dolphins off Iceland, a photographic assessment. *Journal of Marine Animals and Their Ecology* 5(2) online publication.

Maldini D., Riggin J., **Cecchetti A.**, and Cotter M.P. 2010. Prevalence of Epidermal Conditions in California Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in Monterey Bay. *AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment* 39 (7): 455-462.

Maldini D., Ward C., **Cecchetti A.**, and Riggin J. 2010. Southern sea otter diet in a soft sediment community. *Journal of Marine Animals and their Ecology* 3 (1): 27-36.

POSTER IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Cecchetti A., Gordon J., Fernandez M., Azevedo J. 2014. Behavioural patterns of short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*) in the Azores. Poster presented at the European Cetacean Society Conference, Liège 5-9 April 2014.

Bertulli C., **Cecchetti A.**, Van Bresse M. and Van Waerebeek. 2009. Prevalence of cutaneous disorders in common minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) and white-beaked dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*) in Faxaflói and Skjálfandi Bays, Iceland. Poster presentation at the Society for Marine Mammology Conference, 12-16 October, Quebec City, Canada.

Brooks V., Allen J., **Cecchetti A.**, Sewall R., Stevick P. T., Víkingsson G.A. and Wald E. 2009. Migration Rate of Humpback Whales Feeding off Iceland to the Breeding and Calving Grounds in the West Indies. Poster presentation at the Society for Marine Mammology Conference, 12-16 October, Quebec City, Canada.

Iversen M., Rasmussen M.H., **Cecchetti A.**, Sigurðardóttir V., Wald E. and Víkingsson G.A. 2009. Seasonal occurrence and potential movement of feeding area of blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) around Iceland – Preliminary studies. Poster presentation at the European Cetacean Society Conference, 2- 4 March, Istanbul, Turkey.

Cecchetti A., Tetley M.J., Wald E. and Björgvinsson Á. 2008. Preliminary results of relationships occurring between humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) dive time rates and environmental parameters in NE Iceland. Poster presentation at the European Cetacean Society Conference, 8-13 March, Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands.

Tetley M.J., Cooper D., **Cecchetti A.**, Wald E., Björgvinsson Á. and Mitchelson-Jacob E.G. 2008. The predictive habitat suitability mapping of minke whales, humpback whales and white-beaked dolphins in northeast Iceland. Poster presentation at the European Cetacean Society Conference, 8-13 March Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands.

Cecchetti A., Tetley M.J., Wald E., Björgvinsson Á., Mitchelson-Jacob G.E. and Goold J. 2007. The spatial and temporal distribution of cetaceans within Skjálfandi Bay, northeast Iceland. Poster presentation at the European Cetacean Society Conference, 22-25 April, San Sebastian, Spain.

POSTER IN NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Cecchetti A. 2014. The activity budget of *Delphinus delphis* in the Azores and the effects of boat traffic on its behaviour. Poster presented at the Seminário de Investigação 3Bs, Ponta Delgada, Azores 16-17 Junho 2014

Cecchetti A., Azevedo J.M.N. 2013. Investigação dos efeitos das actividades de observação de cetáceos e natação com golfinhos : implicações para a conservação da natureza. Poster presented at Jornadas “Ciência nos Açores. Que Futuro ?”, Ponta Delgada, Azores 7-8 June 2013

TALKS IN NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Cecchetti, A. 2014. Land and boat-based data collection to investigate the impact of tourist activities. Ciclo de Ciência 2014, “Tools and methodologies to study cetaceans”, Ponta Delgada, Azores 21 Maio 2014

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZATION

Azevedo J.M.N., **Cecchetti A.**, Fernandez M., Cravinho M., and Neto A.I. “Tools and methodologies to study cetaceans” Workshop organized within the “Ciclo de Ciência 2014”

DIVULGATION

Cecchetti, A., Fernandez, M., Azevedo, J. 2014. Estudando e valorizando os cetáceos dos Açores. Divuligation Article, UAciência, http://www.db.uac.pt/noticia/uaciencia_estudando_e_valorizando_os_cetaceos_dos_acores

Cecchetti A. “Introduction to cetaceans: evolution, physiology and biology”. Oral presentation within the “Student Expedition Group” programme in collaboration with Terra Azul Whale Watching Company, 18 May 2014

Cecchetti A. “Cetaceans threats”. Oral presentation within the “Student Expedition Group” programme in collaboration with Terra Azul Whale Watching Company, 20 May 2014

Cecchetti, A. & Azevedo, J.M.N. 2013. Investigação dos efeitos das atividades de observação de cetáceos e natação com golfinhos: implicações para a conservação da natureza. Poster presented at the “Noite Europeia dos Investigadores”, Expolab, Lagoa 27 September 2013

REPORT

Cecchetti A. and Rasmussen M.H. 2008. Whale watching feasibility study in the West-fjords, NW Iceland. Report for the International Whale Watching Conference 12 -14 February, Selfoss, Iceland. Sponsored by International Fund for Animal Welfare, IFAW, and Icelandic Association of Whale Watching, Icewhale.

Cecchetti A. and Leaper R. 2008. Whale Watching feasibility study in the West-fjords: Survey 2008. Unpublished Report for International Fund for Animal Welfare, IFAW, November 2008.

THESIS

Cecchetti A. 2006. The spatial and temporal distribution of cetaceans within Skjálfandi Bay, northeast Iceland. Master of Science Thesis University of Wales, Bangor. 115 pp.