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EDUCATION

2018-	PhD, Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB), Berlin
2013-2014	MSc (1 st class) Biodiversity, University of Barcelona, Spain
1999-2002	BSc Environmental Science and Agricultural Ecology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-2018	Editor-in-chief: EWN Media Group, Málaga, Spain
2014-2015	Field Biologist: University of Córdoba, Spain
2008-2014	Project manager: Delta del Llobregat Natural Park, Barcelona, Spain
2007-present	Founder and content manager: Seriously Fish (www.seriouslyfish.com)
2002-2007	Aquatic Manager: Tom Halvorsen Limited, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2013-present	IUCN Freshwater Fish Specialist Group (FFSG)
2014-present	European Association of Zoos and Aquariums Regional Collection Planning Group for freshwater fishes
2014-present	Curator, Global Freshwater Fish Bioblitz (iNaturalist.org/IUCN)

SKILLS

Communication

- Strong command of the English language, able to convey information clearly and concisely.
- Capable of consistently high standards of written work.
- Regularly proofread research manuscripts for international ichthyologists.
- Published author in specialist scientific and aquarium magazines, including FFSG quarterly newsletter.
- Experienced public speaker comfortable with audiences of all ages and sizes.

Numerate and analytical

- Familiar with a range of multivariate statistical techniques.
- Able to handle and analyse large or complex data sets.
- Peer reviewer for Biodiversity Data Journal (Pensoft).

IT

- Proficient with a number of specialised packages for analyses of biological data, including ArcGIS, QGIS, R, EstimateS, B-VegAna, MorphoJ and PAST.
- Competent with MS Excel, MS Word, MS Powerpoint, MS Access and Prezi.

Field research

- Profound general knowledge of the natural world, particularly aquatic life.

- Extensive field experience in Europe, the Near East, and tropics since 2008.
- Expertise in fish sampling techniques.
- Relish working in challenging environmental conditions.
- Capable of working independently or within a team.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English, fluent; Spanish, fluent; Catalan, elementary; German, elementary.

Driving: Full clean licence.

Other interests: Travel, wildlife photography, birdwatching, hiking, reading.