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RESEARCH

My research focuses on understanding the mechanisms underpinning biodiversity and the functioning of marine ecosystems. In particular, I am interested in how anthropogenic stressors, such as pollution and urbanisation, affect the marine environment with the ultimate goal of developing evidence-based solutions for not only mitigating their impacts, but also restoring and rehabilitating marine ecosystems. I have > 100 contact-hours of teaching in Australian universities. I have published 89 peer-reviewed articles (H-index: 31, with > 5000 citations in total), as well as 3 book chapters, and have secured > \$ 10 M in research from external sources since 2020. Since completing my PhD, I have experienced a total of ~ 7 years (1 FTE) of academic interruptions due to non-research employment and maternity leave.

EDUCATION

2009 **Ph.D. Marine Science**, *University of Sydney, Australia*

Title: Examining the effects of contaminants on benthic assemblages.

Supervisors: A.J. Underwood, R.A. Coleman & T. Tolhurst

2004 **M.Sc. Zoology**, *Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Supervisor: A.O.R. Junqueira

2001 **B.Sc. Marine Biology**, *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – current **Scientia Associate Professor**, University of New South Wales

2020 – 2023 **Scientia Senior Lecturer**, University of New South Wales

2019 – 2020 **Scientia Fellow**, University of New South Wales

2016 – 2019 **Senior Research Fellow**, University of New South Wales

2014 – 2016 **Research Fellow**, University of New South Wales

2013 **Associate Lecturer**, University of New South Wales

2012 – 2013 **Environmental Scientist**, Cardno Ltd (Consultancy work – non academic)

2011 – 2013 **Casual Lecturer**, *University of New South Wales*

2010 – 2011 **Managing Scientist**, *RPS Group* (Consultancy work – non academic)

2008 - 2009 **Research Fellow**, *University of Sydney*

2005 - 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Sydney*

2005 -. 2009 Australian Government Endeavour IPRS and USYD IPA Scholarships

1999 – 2004 **Research Assistant / Consultancy projects**, *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

PUBLICATIONS (H-index: 28, 4450 citations, Google Scholar 11/09/2025)

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Scholarly Book Chapters (3)

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3. Lanceman D, Glamore W, **Mayer-Pinto M**. (in press, accepted 30/04/2026). Restoration transforms coastal wetland ecosystem services over time. *Ecological Applications*.
4. Jongen R; Gribben P; Dafforn KA; **Mayer-Pinto M**; Marzinelli EM. (2026) Sediment and rhizosphere microbes mediate seagrass growth responses to belowground nutrient limitation and enrichment. *Journal of Ecology* 114(4), p.e70327.
5. Ferretto G, Jung MU, Gribben PE, Verduin J, Vergés A, **Mayer-Pinto M**, Dafforn KA, Gopakumar A, Marzinelli EM, Jongen R, Kendrick GA (2026). Limitations of using repurposed dredged sediments and seabed capping for *Posidonia australis* restoration. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, 227, 119469.
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PRIZES, HONOURS AND AWARDS

2025 Living Seawalls Winner Eureka Prize for Environmental Research
 2024 Living Seawalls Finalist of the Ocean Awards
 2023 Living Seawalls Winner, NSW Coastal Management Award for Innovation.
 2022 Living Seawalls Winner, Biodiversity Award, Banksia Sustainability Awards.
 2021 Living Seawalls Winner, Biodiversity NSW Sustainability Awards.
 2021 Living Seawalls Top Innovator in the Uplink World Economic Forum BiodiverCities Challenge
 2021 Finalist (1 in 3) Revive Our Oceans' category of the Earthshot Prize
 2019 UNSW Scientia Fellowship (< 5% success rate when applied)
 2019 Selected for the prestigious and competitive course UNSW Academic Women in Leadership
 2018 UNSW Women in Maths and Science Champion
 2018 UNSW Representative for Universitas 21
 2018 Evolution and Ecology Research Centre Significant Collaboration Award
 2017 UNSW Carers Dean Fellowship
 2005 Australian Government Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)
 2005 International Postgraduate Award (IPA), University of Sydney

RESEARCH FUNDING (total funding > \$10 M)

Year	Applicants; Title; Funding Body	\$\$
External grants (> \$11 M)		
2026	Mayer-Pinto M . Underwater light pollution in Sydney Harbour. James Kirby Foundation	15,000
	Living Seawalls . Living Ports in Ecuador. Funding by DP World.	91,250
	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) ; including Mayer-Pinto M , as a lead CI. Project Restore; Seabirds to Seascapes. NSW DCCEEW. Bridging grant	305,000
2025	Glamore W, Mayer-Pinto M , <u>Lanceman D</u> . Blue Heart Blue Carbon Hydrological Assessment Project. Sunshine Coast Regional Council	110,000
2024	Bishop MJ; Dafforn KA; Mayer-Pinto M . Living Boulders for reviving marine life on coastal defences. NSW Environmental Trust Fund.	199,981
	Mayer-Pinto M , Caley A. Sierra Fleet Biofouling. SIERRA UVC PTY LTD	231,636
	<u>Lanceman D</u> ; Mayer-Pinto M ; Glamore W; Coleman M. Assessing the adaptive capacity of restored saltmarshes using new genomic tools. Australian Flora Foundation - Malcolm Reed Large Grant.	59,977
	McKibbin O; Mayer-Pinto M ; Vergés A. Shoreline stabilisation on the functioning of adjacent seagrass beds. Lake Macquarie Environmental Research Grants.	8,015 + GST

2022	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS); including Mayer-Pinto M , as a lead CI. Project Restore; Seabirds to Seascapes. NSW Environmental Trust.	6,685,000
	Living Seawalls. Living Ports. Funding by DP World.	1,000,000
	Mayer-Pinto M. Interactive effects of light pollution and ocean warming on herbivory in temperate reefs. Australian Academy of Science / The Thomas Davies Research Grant for Marine, Soil and Plant Biology	19,952
2021	Mayer-Pinto M. Effects of artificial light at night on coastal systems. Australian Research Council. Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA).	495,748
	Gribben P (CI), Marzinelli EM (CI), Kendrick G (CI), Dafforn KA (CI), Mayer-Pinto M (CI), Fraser M (CI), Martin B (CI), Verges A (CI), Glasby T(PI), Kilminster K (PI), Kjelleberg (PI), Xiang Ow (PI), Wright J (CI). Utilising plant-sediment feedbacks to enhance seagrass restoration. Australian Research Council. Linkage Grant.	643,998
2020	Dafforn KA (CI), Bishop M (CI), Mayer-Pinto M (CI) , Potts J (PI), Walpole S (CI). Environmentally-friendly strategies for shoreline protection in lakes. Australian Research Council. Linkage Grant	405,267
	Johnston EL, Bracewell S, Mayer-Pinto M, Dafforn KA, Simpson S. Ecological and environmental impacts of the Australian bushfires on major waterways in NSW. World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Australia.	250,000 + GST
	Dafforn KA, Schaefer N, Hoey A, Sherman C, Bishop, Mayer-Pinto, M , Vozzo, M. & Bugnot AB. Ecological engineering for marine pest management. Biosecurity Animal Division, Department of Agriculture. Phase II.	220,000 + GST
	Mayer-Pinto M , Bishop M, Dafforn KA, Vozzo M. Baseline assessment of the Clovelly seawall. Randwick City Council.	57,481
	Vozzo M, Bishop M, Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M . Quantifying the benefits of fish friendly seawalls. Recreational Fishing Grants, NSW Department of Primary Industries.	160,000
	Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M , Bishop M, Vozzo M, Steinberg P. Habitat modification and monitoring. Lendlease.	375,000
	Vozzo M, Bishop M, Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M . Fish Friendly Seawalls - Darling Harbour. Habitat Action Grants, NSW Department of Primary Industries.	40,000
2019	Vozzo M, Bishop M, Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M . Living Seawalls at Rushcutters Bay. Environmental Performance – Innovation Grant, City of Sydney	20,000
	Mayer-Pinto M , Marzinelli EM. Effects of multiple stressors on microbial structure, function and resilience across a climate gradient. EU Research Infrastructure. Aquacosc project.	30,000
	Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M , Bishop M, Vozzo M, Bugnot AB, Sherman C. Ecological engineering of marine infrastructure. Biosecurity Animal Division, Department of Agriculture. Phase I.	200,000 + GST
	Dafforn KA, Bishop M, Strain, EMA, Mayer-Pinto M , Johnston EL, et al. Singapore Marine Science Eco-design Urban Marine Development. An eco-design portfolio for the urban marine environment. Commonwealth grant. Department of Industry, Innovation and Science	175,000
	Bishop MJ, Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M , Vozzo M. Monitoring of Volvo Living Seawall, Volvo Cars Australia	50,000
2017	Mayer-Pinto M , Dafforn KA, Steinberg PS. Initial field assessment of the oil spill at the Gore Cove for EPA. NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	25,200 + GST.
2016	Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M , Bugnot AB, Morris RL, Coleman RA, Johnston EL. The Bays Precinct Baseline Assessment and Guiding Principles. Urban Growth NSW - Marine Ecology Advice and Study – The Bays Urban Transformation Program.	147,448.

Internal peer-reviewed grants		
2025	Mayer-Pinto M et al. Towards climate-resilient conservation: Understanding the genetic diversity and structure of restored and natural mangrove habitats. UNSW	29,811

	Industry Seed funding (Partner is Royal Botanic Gardens of Sydney)	
2024	Mayer-Pinto M et al. Fluorescence and image analyses facility. UNSW Major Research Equipment & Infrastructure Scheme.	85,000
2020	Mayer-Pinto M et al. Lab and field kit for functional measurements across terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats. UNSW Major Research Equipment & Infrastructure Scheme.	86,150
2019	Mayer-Pinto M. UNSW Scientia Fellowship	160,000
	Ainsworth T, ..., Mayer-Pinto M et al. System to assess organisms and ecosystem functioning in situ and within experimental lab-based facilities. UNSW Major Research Equipment & Infrastructure Scheme	234,514
2018	Mayer-Pinto M; Bugnot, AB. Can urban seaweed forests contribute to long-term carbon sequestration? Faculty Research Grants Program, UNSW	24,470
2017	Mayer-Pinto, M. Dean's Carer Fellowship, The University of New South Wales	25,000
2017	Dafforn KA, Mayer-Pinto M , et al. High-performance micro-sensors that allow in-situ measurements of physico-chemical conditions. UNSW Major Research Equipment & Infrastructure Scheme	115,212
2015	Johnston EL, ..., Mayer-Pinto et al. Ultra Short Baseline (USBL) sub-sea positioning system. UNSW Major Research Equipment & Infrastructure Scheme	117,343

Philanthropy		
2023-2026	Living seawalls project (Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences)	136,000
2023	Living Pilings – Sapphire Foundation	75,000
2018-2020	Living seawalls project (Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences)	450,000

INVITED SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Invited seminar at the Smart Green Cities Research Centre, Macquarie University (Sydney, March, 2026).
- Invited speaker at the Valuing Darkness Symposium (Melbourne, March 2025).
- Invited seminar for CSIRO (marine group), online (16/07/2024).
- Plenary speaker at the 6th International EcoSummit conference (Gold Coast, June 2023).
- Invited speaker and panellist at the World of Drones and Robotics Conference at the session Drones and Robotics in conservation and metaverse (Brisbane, November 2022).
- Invited as a Panellist at the COP27 Research Showcase side event during the Impact X Summit (Sydney, November 2022).
- Invited speaker at the first Earthshot Prize Innovation Showcase attended by HRH Prince William Duke of Cambridge (Prize Founder and Patron) and Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem (CEO of DP World) (Dubai, February 2022).
- Invited as mini-plenary speaker at the Australian Marine Science Association Conference. Sydney, Australia (Sydney, June 2021).
- Invited speaker and panellist at the Ocean Decade Australia (Online, October 2021).
- Invited speaker and panel member in the seminar series of Australian National University and University of Melbourne. (Online, October 2021).
- Panel member in the RISE – Research in Science and Engineering) at Southern Cross University. (Online, October 2021).
- Speaker and panel member in the workshop and public forum 'Exploring impacts and management opportunities for Artificial Light at Night'. SIMS, Sydney, February 2020.
- Invited speaker at workshop 'ECOLight Euromarine Foresight WorkShop (FWS)', Pisa, Italy, January 2020.
- Invited seminar at The National Museum of Madrid: The ecology and management of urban marine ecosystems. Madrid, Spain, May 2019
- Invited as a panel member of the event Science vs Philosophy, held in Woolahra Library. Sydney, March, 2019.

- Invited seminar at The University of Sydney: The ecology and management of urban marine ecosystems, Sydney, March 2019
- Invited speaker at 'Iberoamerican Research Bites': Biodiversity and functioning of the marine environment: impacts and solutions. Institute Cervantes, Sydney, April, 2018.
- Invited to workshop: 'Making aquatic ecosystems great again' Wageningen, Netherlands, September 2017.
- Invited seminar at The University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Climate Change Cluster. Sydney, Australia, May 2017.
- Keynote speaker at Sunburst Environmental Program, Singapore, November 2016.
- Invited speaker at workshop: 'Understanding the productivity, ecosystem functioning and ecosystem services of marine artificial structures' Flekkefjord, Norway, May 2016.
- Invited scientist at the Australian Marine Science Association writing retreat, Pearl Beach, NSW. October, 2016.
- Invited to workshop: 'New Diagnostics for Multiply-Stressed Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems: integrating models, eco-informatics and Big Data', SIMS, Sydney. September 2014.
- Invited speaker at the National Estuarine Network (NEN) Symposium. Sydney, Australia, May 11, 2016
- Invited speaker at the Sydney Harbour Research Program Annual Workshop, Sydney Institute of Marine Science. 24th of July, 2014.
- Invited seminar at Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT), CONICET. Puerto Madryn, Argentina. September 20, 2011
- Invited seminar at the Environmental Research Institute (ERI), North Highland College, UHI Millennium Institute. Thurso, Scotland, UK. May 18, 2009
- Presented over 15 papers in international and national conferences, such as: *Ecological Society of Australia Annual Conference*, *Australian Marine Science Annual Conference* *International Temperate Reefs Symposium (ITRS)* and *World Conference on Ecological Restoration*.

RESEARCH TRAINING

- Ann Nielsen (PhD candidate). '*Combining sediment microbial fuel cells and mineral accretion technology with seagrass and oyster restoration to improve sediment, water, and habitat restoration*'. (Primary supervisor).
- Rose Fuggle (PhD candidate at The University of Sydney). '*How multiple stressors affect the resilience and resistance of ecological communities*'. (Co-supervisor)
- Annemie Janssen (PhD candidate at Macquarie University). '*Urban stressors and the golden kelp *Ecklonia radiata**'. (Co-supervisor)
- Natalie Coy (PhD candidate). '*Enhancing and future-proofing *Posidonia australis* restoration: the power of genetics and the role of the microbiome*'. (Joint supervisor).
- Lena Holtmanns (PhD candidate). '*Interactive effects of light and habitat complexity on coastal systems*'. (Primary supervisor).
- Dana Lanceman (PhD candidate). '*Intertwining ecology and engineering approaches to maximise biodiversity and ecosystem service benefits in coastal ecosystem restoration projects*'. (Primary supervisor).
- Orla McKibbin (PhD, completed in September 2025). '*How do human habitat modifications impact the functioning of marine ecosystems?*' (Primary supervisor)
- Nik Hubbard (Scientia PhD, completed in April 2026). '*In the spotlight: impacts of artificial light at night on the coastal environment*'. (Primary supervisor)
- Thayanne Lima Barros (Scientia PhD, completed in September 2024). '*Latitudinal gradients and coastal communities' vulnerability to anthropogenic stress*'. (Primary supervisor).
- Nina Schaffer (PhD, completed in April 2019). '*Effects of urbanization and climate change on estuarine systems*'. (Joint supervisor).
- Shinjiro Ushijima (PhD, completed in 2020). '*The effects of urbanisation on fish communities*'. (Joint supervisor).
- Kara Thompson (BsC Honours, 2026 - ongoing). '*Supporting Sea Country: Eco-engineering approach to*

improve biodiversity in the Biirrinba (Clarence River)' (Primary supervisor).

- Joshua Hamilton (BSc Honours, 2024, First Class). *'Long term effects of seawall habitat enhancement on fish and fouling assemblages'*. (Primary supervisor)
- Jenna Beyer (BSc Honours, 2024, First Class). *'Eco-engineering in new environments: Assessing the impacts of adding rock pool habitat enhancement modules to pilings at a wharf in Sydney Harbour'*. (Primary supervisor).
- Gabrielle Young (BSc Honours 2023, First Class). *'Artificial light at night reduces predation and herbivory rates in a nearshore reef'*. (Primary Supervisor).
- Shanaya Strachan (BSc Honours 2023, Second Class). *'Eco-engineered seawalls support greater abundances and larger individuals of grazing gastropods than unmodified seawalls'*. (Primary Supervisor).
- Hanbin Yu (BSc Honours 2022, First Class). *'The effect of large-scale eco-engineering interventions on subtidal fish communities in Sydney Harbour'*. (Primary Supervisor).
- Orla McKibbin (BSc Honours 2020, First Class). *'Long-term changes to intertidal communities on seawalls and rocky shores in Sydney Harbour'* (Primary Supervisor).
- Elizabeth Macarounas (BSc Honours 2020, First Class). *'The effect of anthropogenic stressors on marine holobionts'*. (Primary Supervisor).
- Elisa Tan (BSc Honours 2014, First Class). *'Coastal Structures and Intertidal Microbial Communities'*. (Joint supervisor).
- Wills Brassil (BSc Honours 2014, First class). *'Artificial light results in increased predation pressure on sessile invertebrate communities'*. (Joint supervisor)
- I have co-supervised 1 Honour student at the University of Sydney (Salil Barret, BSc 2022, First Class) and two Master students (MSc Research) from Macquarie University (Megan Threthewy, MSc 2021 and Annemie Janssen, MSc 2022).
- From 2018-19, I supervised and mentored an international postdoc, Dr Aline Martinez, who secured a competitive Brazilian fellowship to work with me in Sydney, Australia.
- Co-supervised 3 visiting international Honours students: Hayden Hurst, Matthias Konig and Maximilian Schwarz who completed their honours at Plymouth University, UK; Ruhr University Bochum, Germany and Maastricht University, Netherlands, respectively. During their time in Sydney, I supervised their fieldwork, data analyses and interpretation and writing.
- Host researcher for the PhD student Eliza Heery during her stay at UNSW, funded by an EAPSI scholarship from the National Science Foundation of USA.
- Through the Living Seawalls, I supervise and mentor a post-doctoral researcher and a research assistant, both based at the Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences (SIMS). In addition, a total of 6 HDR students and 11 interns are/have been directly involved in the project. The quality of my supervision and mentorship is further evidenced by the work of my students and post-docs being published in highly ranked peer-review journals (e.g. Shaefer et al 2019, 2020; Ushiyama et al. 2019; Tan et al 2015; all of which are in Q1 journals).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2022 – current** Lecturer for the general field course 'Coral Reefs and Climate Change' (MSCI2060)
- **2021 – current** Lecturer for the general course 'Exploring the Natural World' (BEES1041).
- **2019 – current** Lecturer for the Marine Biology session for the 2nd Year Course, 'Introductory Marine Science' (MSCI2001).
- **2018** Invited Lecturer for the 3rd Year Course, 'Marine and aquatic ecology' - BIOS3091, at University of New South Wales, for the 2nd Year Course, 'Introductory Marine Science' – MSCI2001
- **2016** Lecturer for the Marine Biology session for the 2nd Year Course, 'Introductory Marine Science' (MSCI2001).
- **2015** Invited Lecturer for the 3rd Year Course, 'Environmental Impact Assessment' - GEOS3911, at University of New South Wales.
- **2014** Invited Lecturer for the 3rd Year Course, 'Marine and aquatic ecology' - BIOS3091, at

University of New South Wales, for the 2nd Year Course, 'Introductory Marine Science' – MSCI2001

Co-coordinator and lecturer of a 3-day Workshop on Experimental Design and Statistics" – Basic & Advanced (UNSW and NTU/NUS, Singapore)

- **2013** Associate Lecturer (0.4 FTE) at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of New South Wales. Coordinator and lecturer of the 3rd Year Course, 'Marine and aquatic ecology' – BIOS3091, at University of New South Wales.

Invited Lecturer of the 1st Year Course, 'The Marine Environment' - MSCI0501, at University of New South Wales.

- **2012** Coordinator of the 1st Year Course, 'The Marine Environment' - MSCI0501, at University of New South Wales, on the second semester of 2012.
- **2009 – 2010** Tutor of the course 'Marine Biology' – BIOL3013, at The University of Sydney
Guest Lecturer and marker of the postgraduate course 'Master of Marine Science and Management' – LC067, at The University of Sydney.
- **2005 – 2010** Teaching Assistant, at the School of Biological Sciences, at the University of Sydney for the 1st Year Courses, 'Concepts in Biology' – BIOL2001 and 'Living Systems' – BIOL2002 and for the course 'Animal Ecological Physiology' – BIOL3045.

OUTREACH (selected)

Public outreach articles and media interviews - My research on the impacts of artificial structures and ecological engineering as well as on light pollution has been featured in national newspapers (SMH), on radio (ABC), on television (Nine News, Channel Ten News, ABC); in podcasts ([Animalia](#)) and online ([Reuters Global](#); [The Brilliant](#)). I have presented online at the 2021 Smart City Expo Miami which **had a reach of 27 million people**. I was featured in the 2022 Australia Day "[My Australia](#)" Instagram series, highlighting the impact of my research in Australia and worldwide. I have also written 5 outreach articles in The Conversation about the urbanisation of marine systems and the impacts of light pollution, which have been read by > 120,000 readers. I was featured in an episode of *Teached AZ* about climate change, which is shared on Facebook and has been viewed by > 27,000 people. This is an online documentary series that follows the animated cartoon series broadcasted by ABC, *Beached AZ*. I was invited to present about *Living Seawalls* at the 2024 Global Nature Positive Summit, on Cockatoo Island, Sydney, including a site visit to demonstrate nature positive partnerships in action. Most recently I was one of the women speakers at the Women Making Waves harbour cruise, organised by the Ocean Lovers Festival, in March 2026.

Educational - I am a passionate advocate for gender equality and particularly for fostering the development of future scientists and I participate regularly in outreach activities focused on female high-school students. As an example, I was one of the presenters in the Women in STEM event organised by the Australian National Maritime Museum (2023 and 2024) that hosted 400 high-school girls. I participated on the CSIRO "Scientists in Schools" program, as the resident scientist of SCEGGS Darlinghurst School (2017-2020). As part of the program, I have given multiple presentations to Years 6-11, acting as a female role model in STEM. I was also selected as a UNSW Women in Maths and Science Champion. This program aims to support female early career researchers, so they become ambassadors who will influence and inspire women to pursue a career in maths and science, through regular participations in outreach activities focused on female students.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- Associate Editor of *Journal of Applied Ecology* (2018 - current), *Frontiers in Marine Science* (2020 – 2023) and *Austral Ecology* (2016 – 2024).
- Guest editor of *PLoS One* special issue on Urban Ecosystems.
- Guest editor of the special issue from the symposium Australian and New Zealand Marine Biotechnology Society Symposium in *The Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*.
- I regularly review ~12 papers/yr for international journals such as *Conservation Biology*, *Nature Communications*, *Science of the Total Environment*, *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, *Marine Environmental Research*, *Journal of Environmental Management* and *Environmental Pollution*.

- Reviewer for national and international grants (e.g. Holsworth grants, Sea Grant Scheme, USA; Israeli Science Foundation, Wales Government; Hong-Kong government).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

- Deputy Director of Undergraduate Teaching and part of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Marine Science and Innovation (CMSI) at UNSW (2021- current).
- Honours coordinator (2020-2022) and Lead coordinator (2022-current) for the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UNSW.
- Member of the scientific committee for the Australian Coastal Restoration Network (ACRN) symposium, held in Sydney, May 2024
- Member of the scientific committee for the Australian Marine Science Association (AMSA) conference, held in the Gold Coast, July 2023
- Author of the third UN World Ocean Assessment (WOA III), Section 5A, Chapter 10: Geoengineering, 2024
- Author of two sections (on artificial structures and light pollution) for the Coastal chapter of the Australian State of the Environment State Report (2021).
- Expert Reviewer of the Coastal and Marine chapters of the Australia State of Environment Report (2021).
- Convenor of the workshop 'Exploring impacts and management opportunities for artificial light at night', to be held at the Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences, Sydney, February 2020.
- Local organiser of the Australia New Zealand Marine Biotechnology Society (ANZMBS) conference held at UNSW, Sydney in May 2019.
- Member of the NSW Council, Australian Marine Science Association, since 2017. Lead author of a written submission to comment on the Coastal Management State Environment and Planning Policy, and author to submissions commenting on independent Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review and Marine Estate Management Authority Draft Statewide Threat and Risk Assessment.
- Lead organiser of a multi-disciplinary event attended by professionals from different stakeholder groups working in the marine environment in December 2017. Attendees ranged from NGOs, filmmakers, state government (e.g. DPI and OEH), councils, journalists and academics. During the workshop, participants (> 70) discussed a wide variety of topics ranging from science communication to funding and conservation priorities.
- Member of the Steering Committee for the 9th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions (Sydney, 2014).
- Convenor of a symposium on Green Engineering for the Australian Marine Sciences Association annual conference (Canberra, 2014).
- Convenor of a symposium on Green Engineering for the Estuarine and Coastal Shelf Sciences annual conference (London, 2015).

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

COURSES/ WORKSHOPS

Data analysis

- Linear Mixed Effects Models, GLMM and MCMC with R. Drs A Zuur and E Ieno, Highland Statistics Ltd, UK. The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. 19-22 July 2016.
- Model Selection and Multimodel Inference. Professor D Anderson. Macquarie University, Australia. 29-30 October 2014.
- Short Intermediate Stats course. Schools of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences and Mathematics and Statistics. The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. 30/09 – 4 October 2013.
- Design of biological experiments and ecological sampling. Professors AJ Underwood and MG Chapman. Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, March 2002 and University of Sydney,

Australia. March 2005.

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese (native language); English (fluent); Spanish (fluent); Italian (basic); French (basic).

OTHER

- PADI Scientific and Rescue Diver & Dive Coordinator;
- Senior First Aid & DAN Oxygen Provider
- Boat Driver's Licence (NSW)

CAREER BREAKS

Since completing my PhD, I have had multiple career interruptions including:

- Relocation from Brazil to Australia before starting my employment as a Manager Scientist in the consultancy company RPS (2009-2010).
- ~ 4 years of non-academic work (e.g. consultancy-work in Perth and Sydney and teaching only appointments; 2010-2014).
- Maternity leave (2015-2016).
- Maternity leave (2019-2020).

REFERENCES (more can be provided as requested)

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