

# Spatial Data Scientist and Team Lead



## Profile

Computational ecologist (PhD) and geographic information systems expert (MD) with over 17 years of international R&D experience.

My expertise spans plant and soil science, spatial modeling, machine learning, and scientific software development, with a focus on data-driven solutions.

As team lead at Biome Makers Inc, I have a track record of delivering impactful solutions. My expertise, coupled with strong team leadership skills, has driven innovation within the company.

I seek opportunities to lead dynamic teams and build data-driven solutions to address sustainability challenges in AgTech and related domains.

My ultimate goal is creating a lasting impact in the field of environmental problem-solving.

## Education

2010 – **PhD in Computational Ecology.**  
University of Granada.  
Granada, Spain.

2009 – **UNIGIS International Masters Degree in Geographical Information Systems.**  
University of Girona.  
Girona, Spain.

2006 – **Masters Degree in Management and Environmental Auditing.**  
University of Cadiz.  
Cadiz, Spain.

2003 – **Degree in Biology with specialization in Ecology**  
University of Granada.  
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## Experience

2021 – Present

### Biome Makers Inc

Valladolid, Spain  
Sacramento, US

### Data Scientist & Team Lead

**Product Engineering:** innovative soil microbiome mapping product; automated model for systematic soil sample selection.

**Data Engineering:** integration of environmental data-cubes to enhance company products.

**Leadership:** founder and lead of the Environmental Data Team.

**High Performance:** commended across all performance assessments.

2019 – 2021

### University of Alicante

Alicante, Spain

### Data Scientist & Researcher

**Publication Excellence:** 15 papers published, including a "Most Downloaded Paper" recognition.

**Software Development:** R package spatialRF for spatial modeling (8.000 downloads); developed efficient time-series data imputation algorithm; improved the team's coding practices.

2016 – 2019

### Bergen University

Bergen, Norway

### Researcher & Developer

**Project Management:** €199,000 research project by the Norwegian National Science Foundation.

**Publication Recognition:** Published 6 papers, one as "Editor's Pick" with a "Most Downloaded Paper" award.

**Software Development:** 3 time-series R packages: memoria, distantia, and virtualPollen (53.000 downloads).

2014 – 2016

### Aarhus University

Aarhus, Denmark

### Researcher

**Publication Excellence:** Published 8 papers, including one with a "Most Downloaded Paper" award.

**Project Management:** Executed a €300,000 research project.

2010 – 2014

### Institute for Earth System Research

Granada, Spain

### Researcher and Team Lead

**Intellectual Property:** patented 'MODELER', a model repository for the Earth Sciences.

**Funding acquisition:** secured and executed contracts totaling €280,000.

**Team Lead:** Climate Team of the Global Change Observatory of Sierra Nevada.

## Skills

Innovative problem solving – attention to detail – adaptability – high-level communication – English proficiency – software development and documentation – quantitative analysis and spatial modeling – machine learning – data engineering and integration – GIS proficiency – automated modeling pipelines.