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Researcher

*Wildlife, Uncertainty, Evidence Synthesis, Decision  
Models*

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## About me

I am an ecologist, with research interests in how we use knowledge to better inform decision making in species conservation (i.e. “Evidence-based decision making”). I develop opensource tools (in R and Shiny) that help people gather information robustly in a transparent way, interact with that information and make inference from it.

I am currently working on several projects that are fundamentally about how we make open research approaches (i.e. sharing data, sharing code, sharing best practice) as an integrated part of the workflow for biodiversity researchers and how we can take this open research and use it to help decision-makers find optimal solutions.

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## Education

1994 - 1997 **BSc (Hons) in Zoology**, Newcastle University, UK.

2004 - 2005 **MSc in Conservation & planning**, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

2008 - 2012 **PhD Zoology**, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

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## Employment history

2021– **Researcher**, NINA, Trondheim, Norway

2019–2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, NINA, Trondheim, Norway

2014–2019 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Newcastle University, UK

2013–2014 **Postdoctoral Research Associate-Research Impact**, Newcastle University, UK

2011–2012 **Conservation Research and Support Officer**, World Pheasant Ass., Newcastle, UK

2005–2006 **Research Co-ordinator**, Frontier Tanzania

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- 2020 **Hunters as citizen scientists: Contributions to biodiversity monitoring in Europe**, B Cretois, JDC Linnell, M Grainger, EB Nilsen, JK Rød, Global Ecology and Conservation.
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- 2020 **Occupancy-based monitoring of ungulate prey species in Thailand indicates population stability, but limited recovery**, W Phumanee, R Steinmetz, R Phoonjampa, T Bejraburnin, M Grainger, ..., Ecosphere.
- 2020 **Conservation decision-making under uncertainty: Identifying when to reintroduce tiger *Panthera tigris* to Cambodia**, TNE Gray, MJ Grainger, R Grosu, Conservation Science and Practice.

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- 2018 **The use of systems models to identify food waste drivers**, *MJ Grainger, L Aramyan, K Logatcheva, S Piras, S Righi, M Setti, ...*, Global food security.
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- 2018 **Socio-economic, technological and environmental drivers of spatio-temporal changes in fishing pressure**, *F Stephenson, AC Mill, CL Scott, GB Stewart, MJ Grainger, NVC Polunin, ...*, Marine Policy.
- 2018 **Spatial distribution of display sites of Grey Peacock-pheasant in relation to micro-habitat and predators during the breeding season**, *S Thunhikorn, MJ Grainger, PJK McGowan, T Savini*, Avian Research.
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