# Agata Staniewicz

# Education & research experience

2021-present Postdoctoral researcher, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

2015-2020 PhD, School of Biological Sciences, University of Bristol, UK

2014 Field assistant, ZSL Tsaobis Baboon Project, Namibia

2010-2013 MSc by Research, School of Biological Sciences, University of Bristol, UK

2006–2009 BSc (Hons), Zoology, University of Bristol, UK

Postdoctoral fellowship

funding NCN SONATA: Interspecific competition for acoustic space in birds

PI Michał Budka

description Investigating interspecific competition in bird communities in boreal, temperate and tropical forests using

passive acoustic monitoring and playback experiments.

Doctoral thesis

title Acoustic communication in rare and threatened crocodilians and its use for population monitoring

supervisors Marc Holderied & Gráinne McCabe

description Established species-specific vocal repertoires and tested acoustic monitoring methods for crocodile popula-

tions in Southeast Asia and West Africa.

Master's thesis

title Ecology and conservation of juvenile crocodilians Tomistoma schlegelii and Crocodylus siamensis

in Mesangat Lake, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

supervisor Gareth Jones

description Investigated ecological niche partitioning between sympatric crocodilians in a threatened wetland.

#### Peer-reviewed publications

2023 **Staniewicz, A.**, Sokołowska, E., Muszyńska, A., Budka, M. Competition for acoustic space in a temperate-forest bird community. *Behavioral Ecology*. doi:10.1093/beheco/arad075

**Staniewicz, A.**, McCabe, G., Holderied, M. The low-frequency vocal repertoire of adult African dwarf crocodiles. *African Journal of Herpetology*. doi:10.1080/21564574.2023.2237035

Budka, M., **Staniewicz**, **A.**, Sokołowska, E. Interspecific avoidance of song overlap in tropical songbirds: species-specific responses to acoustically similar and different intruders. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*. 77:79 doi:10.1007/s00265-023-03356-0

Budka, M., Sokołowska, E., Muszyńska, A., **Staniewicz, A.** Acoustic indices estimate breeding bird species richness with daily and seasonally variable effectiveness in lowland temperate Białowieża forest. *Ecological Indicators*. doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2023.110027

2022 Sideleau, B., **Staniewicz**, **A.**, Syah, M., Shaney, K. An analysis of tomistoma (*Tomistoma schlegelii*) attacks on humans. *Marine & Freshwater Research*. doi:10.1071/MF22015

**Staniewicz**, **A.**, Foggett, S., McCabe, G., Holderied, M. Courtship and underwater communication in the Sunda gharial *Tomistoma schlegelii*. *Bioacoustics*. doi:10.1080/09524622.2021.1967782

2018 **Staniewicz, A.**, Behler, N., Dharmasyah, S., Jones, G. Niche partitioning between juvenile sympatric crocodilians in Mesangat Lake, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. *Raffles Bulletin of Zoology.* **66**:528-537

Behler, N., Kopsieker, L., **Staniewicz, A.**, Dharmasyah, S., Stuebing, S., Ziegler, T. Population size, demography and diet of the Siamese crocodile, *Crocodylus siamensis* (Schneider, 1801) in the Mesangat Swamp in Kalimantan, Indonesia. *Raffles Bulletin of Zoology.* **66:**506-516

**Staniewicz, A.,** Youngprapakorn, U., Jones, G. First report of physiological color change in a crocodylian. *Copeia.* **106:**264-267

2015 Stuebing, R., Sommerlad, R., **Staniewicz, A.** Conservation of the Sunda gharial *Tomistoma schlegelii* in Lake Mesangat, Indonesia. *International Zoo Yearbook*. **49:**137-149

#### Manuscripts in review

**Staniewicz**, **A.**, Sokołowska, E., Budka, M. Contrasting acoustic-space competition-avoidance strategies in Afrotropical forest birds. *Animal Behaviour* 

# Conference presentations

- Staniewicz, A., Sokołowska E., Budka, M. Species-specific strategies for acoustic space competition-avoidance in two Afrotropical songbirds, International Bioacoustics Congress, Sapporo, Japan, (upcoming)
  - **Staniewicz**, **A.**, Sokołowska E., Budka, M. *Tropical forest birds differ in acoustic-space competition-avoidance strategies*, European Ornithologists' Union Congress, Lund, Sweden
- 2022 **Staniewicz, A.**, Sokołowska. E., Muszyńska, A., Budka, M. Competition for acoustic space in birds do similarly singing species avoid spatial and temporal overlapping, International Society for Behavioral Ecology Congress, Stockholm, Sweden, (poster)
- 2020 **Staniewicz, A.**, Shirley, M., McCabe, G., Holderied, M. *Incorporating acoustic surveys into the monitoring of threatened African crocodilians*, African Bioacoustics Community Conference, South Africa
- 2016 **Staniewicz, A.**, Youngprapakorn, U., Merchant, M., Jones, G. *Fifty shades of grey: ventral darkening of Tomistoma in response to exposure to visible light*, IUCN-SSC CSG Working Meeting, Skukuza, South Africa, (Awarded a prize for best student presentation)
- 2015 **Staniewicz, A.**, *Fifty shades of grey: colour changing in crocodiles in response to light*, Science: Polish Perspectives Interdisciplinary Conference, Cambridge, UK, (Awarded a prize for best presentation)
- 2013 **Staniewicz, A.**, Ecology and conservation of crocodiles in Mesangat Lake, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, IUCN-SSC CSG Working Meeting, Negombo, Sri Lanka

#### Invited talks

- 2022 **Staniewicz, A.**, *Incorporating acoustic surveys into the monitoring of threatened crocodiles*, AMU Seminars in Evolution, Ecology and Behaviour, Poznań, Poland
- 2021 **Staniewicz, A.**, *Using acoustic methods to monitor threatened African crocodilians*, Zoological Society of London Seminars, London, UK
- Staniewicz, A., Camouflage and communication in forest-dwelling crocodiles, Aaarhus University Ecophysiology Seminars, Aarhus, Denmark

## Awards and grants

grants obtained

UoB Alumni Foundation: £8,000 (2011, 2015), Virginia Aquarium and LA Zoo: US\$4,000 (2016), TTF: US\$3,500 (2010, 2011), Dortmund Zoo, Cologne Zoo and ZGAP: €3,000 (2011), IUCN-SSC CSG SRAS: US\$2,000 (2011, 2017), Leipzig Zoo: €1,900 (2017), The Explorers Club: US\$1,500 (2016), Ralf Sommerlad Memorial Fund: €1,500 (2015), UoB School of Biological Sciences: £1,200 (2018), UAM ID-UB: PLN5,000 (2022), BHS: £200 (2017).

# Teaching experience

supervision

University of Bristol: (i) BSc project co-supervisor for four undergraduate students (acoustic communication in African dwarf crocodiles).

(ii) Advisor for MSc by research student (parent-offspring communication in crocodiles).

teaching & marking

University of Bristol: Laboratory demonstrator teaching undergraduate practical classes: Quantitative Methods, Computational Methods, R Programming, Evolutionary Biology, Conservation Biology, Bat Sensory Ecology, Mammalian Ecology, Green Planet, and MSci field data collection methods.

# Other experience

2018-present

Advisor, Yayasan Ulin, Indonesia

Advising an NGO on biodiversity monitoring projects in threatened wetlands in East Kalimantan, Borneo, Indonesia.

2016–2022 Co-founder & organiser, European Crocodile Network

Organised the annual networking conference (in the UK, Denmark, France, Ireland and Czech Republic) for researchers, students and keepers based in Europe and interested in crocodiles. Coordinated a small grant scheme for research projects on crocodilian biology.

# Computer skills

Linux, MacOS, Windows

documents LATEX, R Markdown, MS Office programming R, tidyverse graphics ggplot2, Inkscape, Gimp

data & code git, GitHub acoustics Avisoft SASLab Pro, Kaleidoscope Pro, Raven

Pro, Seewave, warbleR

#### Languages

English native/bilingual proficiency limited working proficiency Polish native/bilingual proficiency Indonesian elementary proficiency

## Public engagement

talks and Tomistoma Day Zoo Lectures (UK, 2016, 2017), Bristol Zoo Conservation Lectures (UK, 2013), Miami Zoo A Night for the Crocs (USA, 2013). presentations

Tomistoma Takeover on Twitter (2020), Bristol Research Without Borders Festival (2019), Fieldwork blog outreach (limburan.github.io; 2011-2018), Letters to a Pre-Scientist pen pal (2015-2017), Fieldwork Fail: The Messy Side of Science book with Jim Jourdane (2017), Bristol Festival of Nature (2017), Access to Science (2011-2013).

#### Professional activities & responsibilities

affiliations **IUCN-SSC** Crocodile Specialist Group

reviewing Peer reviewer for: Biological Conservation, iScience, Journal of Herpetology, Scientific Reports, Systematics and Biodiversity, Wilson Journal of Ornithology, European Crocodile Network grants, ZSL EDGE of Existence

American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, British Ecological Society, British Herpetological societies Society, European Bird Song Network, European Crocodile Network, European Ornithologists' Union, International Bioacoustics Society, International Society for Behavioral Ecology, The UK Acoustics Network.