

Conner Jainese

Project Scientist

Experience

Caselle Lab, Marine Science Institute / Project Scientist

July 2019 - Present. Santa Barbara, CA

Organizing and managing a baited camera survey comparing fish assemblages on deep (30-100m) rocky reef habitat inside and outside Marine Protected Areas in Southern California. Responsibilities include leading field operations, camera deployment/recovery, maintaining a video data library, and managing undergraduate volunteers/video analysis operations.

Love Lab, Marine Science Institute / Lab Technician

June 2015 - July 2019. Santa Barbara, California

Responsibilities including, scientific diving and data collection, small boat operations, specimen collections, and use of data management/image analysis software. Developing image analysis protocols for identifying individuals of the critically endangered giant sea bass (*Stereolepis gigas*), and long term maintenance of an image library cataloging individuals in California.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife / Scientific Aid

October 2015 - December 2017. Santa Barbara, CA

Collecting fisheries data as a scientific aid for the California Recreational Fisheries Survey. Providing outreach and education to recreational anglers on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Education

2020-Present **M.A. Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology**, *University of California Santa Barbara.*

2011-2015 **B.S. Aquatic Biology**, *University of California Santa Barbara.*

Certifications

2018 Divemaster (NAUI).

2016 UCSB Small Boat Captain.

2014 AAUS Scientific SCUBA Diver (NAUI).

Publications

“Origins and Evolution of Extreme Life Span in Pacific Ocean Rockfishes.” Kolora, Sree Rohit Raj, Gregory L. Owens, Juan Manuel Vazquez, Alexander Stubbs, Kamalakara Chatla, Conner Jainese, Katelin Seeto, et al. *Science*, (November 2021)

“The Role of Oil and Gas Conductors as Fish Habitat at Two Southern California Offshore Platforms” Milton S. Love, Scott Clark, Merit McCrea, Katelin Seeto, Conner Jainese, Mary M. Nishimoto, Ann Scarborough Bull, and Li Kui Bulletin, Southern California Academy of Sciences 119(3), 68-77, (December 2020)

“Spots on Sides of Giant Sea Bass (*Stereolepis gigas* Ayres, 1859) are Likely Unique to Each Individual” Milton S. Love, Katelin Seeto, Conner Jainese, and Mary M. Nishimoto Bulletin, Southern California Academy of Sciences 117(1), 77-81, (April 2018)