

# Conner Jainese

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*Project Scientist*

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## 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.

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## 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.*

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## Certifications

2018 Divemaster (NAUI).

2016 UCSB Small Boat Captain.

2014 AAUS Scientific SCUBA Diver (NAUI).

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## 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)