



# SARI PONNET

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I am a hardworking, friendly individual with a **high academic standing**. I am the **course representative** for my **Marine Biology with Oceanography** degree at the university of Southampton where I work together with professors and staff from the university being an essential link between students and staff. I am currently responsible for the social media and webpages for the **charity Sea Sanctuaries Trust** and I am part of the **Marine Plastic Special Interest Group (SIG) for IMarEST**. Last June, I was a **Science Officer** on board of a sailing ship doing plastic pollution surveys, cetacean and bird watches on board whilst also doing sail training. I was a **Research Assistant** in the marine botany lab at UNCW for 1 semester.

## UPCOMING (Jan '22)

I will be a **scientist in residence** for the charity SeasYourFuture where I will conduct my own research investigating Coral Reef Health and Turtle Photo ID-ing.

## UPCOMING (Febr-June '22)

I am also selected by Prof. Martin Solan to join a benthic bioturbation **research project** (along with 4 other students) and publish a **scientific paper** early 2022.

## UPCOMING (Summer '22)

I was selected to be a **Globalink MICATS intern** (fully funded – 12weeks) at Dalhousie university where I will do an isotope biochemistry project under the supervision of Dr. Sherwood.

## UPCOMING 2022

I also have an **internship** lined up in Eilat, Israel where I will help with data collection, scientific diving, and data analyzation. I won the **IMarEST Student Bursary** for this.

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## EXPERIENCE RELATED TO MARINE BIOLOGY

AUG '21-DEC '21

**LAB AND FIELD ASSISTANT (MARINE BOTANY LAB), UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON (UNCW)**

- Processing seagrass (productivity, CHN), sediment, and water column samples
- Quadrat and drone surveying, biomass coring, sampling and RTK mapping

JULY '21-...

**SOCIAL MEDIA DEVELOPER, SEA SANCTUARIES TRUST**

- Creating awareness through social media (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn...)
- Creating science-based narratives for the webpage
- Data logging and analyzing

JUNE '21-...

**OCEAN PLASTIC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, IMAREST**

- Joining the IMarEST Ocean Plastics and Marine Litter SIG monthly
- Discussing and creating general awareness current topics in plastic research
- Chairing meetings and writing publication posts

MAY-JUNE '21

**SCIENCE OFFICER, SEAS YOUR FUTURE, DARWIN200, CITY TO SEA**

- Surveying UK wide plastic pollution
- Cetacean, bird, macroalgae surveys
- Data collection, logging and analyzing

- Sailing experience
- Blog and report writing

**OCT '20 – JAN '21**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON**

- Assisting a PhD research project on cetacean bioacoustics (data annotation)

**ACADEMIC YEAR '19-'20**

**VOLUNTEER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON**

- Cataloging deep sea creatures of the Discovery Collection

**NOV '18-JAN '19**

**VOLUNTEER, MARINE CONSERVATION PHILIPPINES**

- Collecting data whilst diving (surveying)
- Marine invertebrates (identifying and logging)
- PADI rescue course (95 dives)
- Introductions identifying coral species and seagrass

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- **Analysis skills:** Excel, R, Sigmaplot, GIS
- **Communication skills:** Student Representative, University of Southampton + Student Ambassador, University of Southampton, and University of North Carolina Wilmington + did several interviews for BBC and WestPointTV
- **Languages:** native in Flemish/Dutch, fluent in English, intermediate in French and basic knowledge of German
- ORCA Marine Mammal Surveyor
- Student IMarEST member
- Marine Biological Association (MBA) Member
- PADI Rescue Diver with approx. 100 dives
  - Including Dry Suit certification
- Basic sailing knowledge
- Driver's license

## CURRENT STUDY

**AUG – DEC '21**

**EXCHANGE PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON**

- Study abroad/exchange program where I will be studying following subjects: Environmental Nonprofit organizations (grade: A), Fisheries Policy and Management (A), Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (A), Marine Botany (A), Oceanographic Cruise Techniques (A)

**SEP '19 - JUNE '23**

**MSCI MARINE BIOLOGY WITH OCEANOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON**

- High knowledge about the fundamentals of major disciplines applied in marine sciences
- Understanding the biology, ecology of marine species and their relationships with their habitat throughout several marine ecosystems
- Awareness of human impacts and exploitation on the biological and physical environment and its natural resources
- Developed computing and data analysis skills (Excel, R, Sigmaplot, GIS)
- Recognition of views and opinions of other team members

## (NON-ACADEMIC) NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- At the age of 18, I hiked to **Everest Base Camp**

- Volunteered in multiple third world countries doing **education outreach and community work**
- During the pandemic, I started up a **successful plant business** alongside my studies

## INTERESTS AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- (2019-2022) **Elected course representative** for all Marine Biology and Oceanography students in my year => mediator between professors & students, improving modules, attending meeting with program/university leaders, working together with staff around campus, responsibility, good communication skills
- (2018-2019) **Gap year (travelling in Asia & Australia)** => developing independence and cultural awareness

## EDUCATION

JUNE '19

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

- Human biology (79%), Fundamentals of chemistry 1A (85%), Marketing principles (81%), Global business (64%)
- Living abroad: independent and adaptable

JUNE '18

**MATHEMATICS-SCIENCE QUALIFICATION**, HEILIG-HART COLLEGE WAREGEM

## GENERAL WORK EXPERIENCE

'20 - ...

**SUPERMARKET SALES**, PROXY DELHAIZE

- Reliably handling of money, working in team, high levels of customer service

APR '20 – JULY '20

**CLEANING + SALES**, ALDI WAREGEM

- Cleaning carts/shop (COVID-19), high level of customer service

'16 – '20

**HORSE RIDING TEACHER**, SPORT VLAANDEREN WAREGEM

- Teaching/supervising children/teenagers aged 8-18 (multi-tasking)
- Time management, meetings with parents, coworkers, and managers (good team & communication skills)

'16 – '18

**BAKERY SALES**, PRESTIGE

- Serving clients at early hours of the morning
- Customer service skills
- Managing tills => good with organizing money

'18

**VOLUNTEERING IN INDONESIA**, VRIJWILLIG WERELDWIJD

- Working at a school for children (< 6 years old) & Creating a supportive atmosphere
- Sole English speaker => improvisation and communicating skills