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## CAREER SUMMARY

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I hold a B.S. in Ecology (2014), an M.S. in Zoology (2018), and a Ph.D. in Ecology (2024), all from Universidade Estadual Paulista, Rio Claro/SP, Brazil. I performed over 700 hours of additional education at Brazilian and international institutions, focusing on statistical and ecological modeling.

My expertise encompasses spatial ecology, landscape ecology, ecological modeling, species distribution modeling (SDM), ecological and spatial data analysis, impacts of habitat loss and fragmentation on biodiversity, amphibian ecology, and teaching the R programming language.

Since 2017, I have authored over 35 articles published in prominent Ecology journals. These publications primarily showcase the outcomes of my research on the effects of landscape structure and climate change on biodiversity in South America, with a focus on the Atlantic Forest hotspot.

Currently, I am a Postdoctoral researcher at [lab.exe](#) at [Unicamp](#) where I integrate landscape metrics and species distribution modeling (SDM) to assess the impacts of edge effects, fires, and climate change on the distribution and interactions of animals and plants across multiple spatial scales in the Amazon.

I am actively engaged in the development of tools to calculate landscape metrics for large spatial extents using the R programming language and GRASS GIS. In addition, I have dedicated over 600 hours to teaching and promoting the use of the R language through workshops, undergraduate and graduate courses, and the publication of the book 'Análises Ecológicas no R'.

## ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

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Spatial ecology, landscape ecology, ecological modeling, species distribution modeling (SDM), geoprocessing, amphibians, conservation, teaching, R programming language.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Habitat loss and fragmentation, landscape metrics, species distribution modeling (SDM), community ecology, amphibian ecology, conservation biology, teaching the R programming language and statistics.

## EDUCATION

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**São Paulo State University (UNESP)**

*Mar 2011 - Mar 2015*

B.S. in Ecology

*GPA: 3.43*

*Thesis:* Effect of fragmentation on the persistence of anuran amphibians (Amphibia: Anura) within the Atlantic Forest

*Library:* [link](#)

*Advisor:* Prof. Dr. Milton Cezar Ribeiro

**São Paulo State University (UNESP)**

*Mar 2016 - Jul 2018*

M.S., Graduate Program in Biological Science (Zoology)

*GPA: 4.00*

*Thesis:* Diversity, distribution and effect of climate change on Atlantic Forest amphibian communities

Library: [link](#)

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Célio Fernando Baptista Haddad

**São Paulo State University (UNESP)**

Mar 2020 - Jul 2024

Ph.D., Graduate Program in Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity

GPA: 4.00

*Dissertation:* Landscape structure as a predictor of taxonomic and functional diversity of amphibians in the Atlantic Forest

Library: [link](#)

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Milton Cezar Ribeiro

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

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| • <b>Ecological data analysis with R (40 h)</b>   | 2011 |
| São Paulo State University (UNESP), Rio Claro, SP, Brazil                                       |      |
| • <b>Biology and conservation of amphibians and reptiles (44 h)</b>                             | 2015 |
| Instituto Boitatá, IBEC, Alfenas, MG, Brazil, <a href="#">link</a>                              |      |
| • <b>V Southern-Summer School on Mathematical Biology (53 h)</b>                                | 2016 |
| São Paulo State University (UNESP), São Paulo, SP, Brazil, <a href="#">link</a>                 |      |
| • <b>Geoprocessing with GRASS GIS (24 h)</b>  | 2016 |
| São Paulo State University (UNESP), Rio Claro, SP, Brazil                                       |      |
| • <b>Introduction to Hierarchical Modeling (45 h)</b>   | 2019 |
| Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, <a href="#">link</a> |      |
| • <b>School on Community Ecology: from patterns to principles (60 h)</b>                        | 2020 |
| São Paulo State University (UNESP), São Paulo, SP, Brazil, <a href="#">link</a>                 |      |
| • <b>Hierarchical Modelling of Species Communities with the R-package Hmsc (25 h)</b>           | 2020 |
| University of Helsinki (Online), Helsinki, Finland, <a href="#">link</a>                        |      |
| • <b>Joint Species Distribution Modelling with HMSC (45 h)</b>                                  | 2022 |
| University of Jyväskylä (Online), Jyväskylä, Finland, <a href="#">link</a>                      |      |
| • <b>Data Science Journey (330 h)</b>   | 2022 |
| Ômega Data Science (Online), Curitiba, Paraná, <a href="#">link</a>                             |      |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| • <b>Intern (300 h)</b>  | 2014         |
| <i>Role:</i> Compulsory curricular internship focused on Species Distribution Modeling (SDM)   |              |
| <i>Institution:</i> Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture, University of São Paulo (USP), Ecology, Management and Conservation of Wild Fauna Lab (LEMaC)        |              |
| <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. Dr. Katia Maria Paschoaletto Micchi de Barros Ferraz  |              |
| • <b>Research assistant (2000 h)</b>   | 2015-2016    |
| <i>Role:</i> Statistical and spatial analyses of mammal and ants biodiversity in the Atlantic Forest biome   |              |
| <i>Institution:</i> São Paulo State University (UNESP), Spatial Ecology and Conservation Lab (LEEC)  |              |
| <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. Dr. Milton Cezar Ribeiro  |              |
| • <b>Postdoctoral researcher</b>   | 2024-present |
| <i>Role:</i> Impacts of edge effects, fire, and climate change on vegetation composition and functional diversity across spatial scales in the Amazon rainforest |              |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **Undergraduate research** 2013-2015  
*Title:* Effect of fragmentation on the persistence of anuran amphibians (Amphibia: Anura) within the Atlantic Forest  
*Aim:* To evaluate the relative contribution of landscape indices (percentage of forest cover, connectivity, relief and urban proximity) to the persistence of species using species distribution modeling.
- **Master's research** 2016-2018  
*Title:* Effect of Landscape Modifications and Climate Changes on the Persistence of Amphibians in the Atlantic Forest  
*Aim:* To present an assessment of the surveys of the amphibian communities for the Atlantic Forest; to investigate how habitat loss and fragmentation affect the persistence of amphibians; and to investigate how climate change affect the future persistence of the genus *Brachycephalus*.
- **Doctoral research** 2020-2024  
*Title:* Landscape structure as a predictor of taxonomic and functional diversity of amphibians in the Atlantic Forest  
*Aim:* To analyze the structure of landscapes throughout the Atlantic Forest; to analyze how landscape structure affects the taxonomic and functional diversity of amphibian communities; and to analyze this same question of species-specific level, in addition to analyzing co-occurrences using JSDMs.
- **Postdoctoral research** 2024-present  
*Title:* Impacts of edge effects, fire, and climate change on vegetation composition and functional diversity across spatial scales in the Amazon rainforest  
*Aim:* To understand how edge effects, fires, and climate change acting at local scales can influence the distribution and composition patterns of vegetation at different spatial scales in the Amazon biome, also affecting the potential distribution of vertebrate fauna. In addition, we will investigate how plant functional attributes respond to these factors, with implications for the functional diversity of plant and animal communities.

## FUNDING

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- **Undergraduate Research Scholarship**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) 2013-2015  
*Grant:* [2013/02883-7](#)  
*Value:* BRL 10,539.87
- **Master's Scholarship**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) 2017-2018  
*Grant:* [2017/09676-8](#)  
*Value:* BRL 16,248.54
- **Doctoral Scholarship**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) 2022-2024  
*Grant:* [2022/01899-6](#)  
*Value:* BRL 91,002.24
- **Postdoctoral Scholarship**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) 2024-present  
*Grant:* [2024/19865-6](#)  
*Value:* BRL 316,800.00

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- High Academic Performance Award, São Paulo State University (UNESP) 2015
- The Harry R. Painton Award, American Ornithological Society 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed (most relevant)

1. **Vancine MH**, Muylaert RL, Niebuhr BB, Oshima JEF, Tonetti V, Bernardo R, De Angelo C, Rosa MR, Grohmann CH, Ribeiro MC. 2024. **The Atlantic Forest of South America: spatiotemporal dynamics of remaining vegetation and implications for conservation.** *Biological Conservation* 291:110499. [10.1016/j.biocon.2024.110499](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2024.110499)
2. Gonçalves-Souza T, Chase J, Haddad N, **Vancine MH**, Melo FPL, Aizen M, Bernard E, Chiarello GA, Didham R, Faria D, Gibb H, Lima M, Magnago L, Mariano Neto E, Nogueira A, Nemésio A, Passamani M, Pinho BX, Rocha-Santos L, Rodrigues R, Safar N, Santos B, Soto-Werschitz A, Tabarelli M, Uehara-Prado M, Vasconcelos H, Vieira S, Sanders, N. 2025. **Species turnover does not rescue biodiversity in fragmented landscapes.** *Nature* 640:702-706. [10.1038/s41586-025-08688-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08688-7)
3. Beca G, **Vancine MH**, Carvalho CS, Pedrosa F, Alves RSC, Buscariol D, Peres CA, Ribeiro MC, Galetti M. 2017. **High mammal species turnover in forest patches immersed in biofuel plantations.** *Biological Conservation* 210:352-359. [10.1016/j.biocon.2017.02.033](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2017.02.033)

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2. de Castro Pena JC, Goulart F, Fernandes GW, Hoffmann D, Leite FS, dos Santos NB, Soares-Filho B, Sobral-Souza T, **Vancine MH**, Rodrigues M. 2017. **Impacts of mining activities on the potential geographic distribution of eastern Brazil mountaintop endemic species.** *Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation* 15(3):172-178. [10.1016/j.pecon.2017.07.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pecon.2017.07.005)
3. Regolin AL, Cherem JJ, Graipel ME, Bogoni JA, Ribeiro JW, **Vancine MH**, Castilho PVD. 2017. **Forest cover influences occurrence of mammalian carnivores within Brazilian Atlantic Forest.** *Journal of Mammalogy* 98(6):1721-1731. [10.1093/jmammal/gyx103](https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyx103)
4. Sobral-Souza T, **Vancine MH**, Ribeiro MC, Lima-Ribeiro MS. 2018. **Efficiency of protected areas in Amazon and Atlantic Forest conservation: A spatio-temporal view.** *Acta Oecologica* 87:1-7. [10.1016/j.actao.2018.01.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actao.2018.01.001)
5. Muylaert RL, **Vancine MH**, Bernardo R, Oshima JEF, Sobral-Souza T, Tonetti VR, Ribeiro MC. 2018. **Uma nota sobre os limites territoriais da Mata Atlântica.** *Oecologia Australis* 22(3):302-311. [10.4257/oeco.2018.2203.09](https://doi.org/10.4257/oeco.2018.2203.09)
6. **Vancine MH**, Duarte KS, Souza YS, Giovanelli JGR, Sobrinho PMM, López A, Bovo RP, Maffei F, Lion MB, Ribeiro-Júnior JW, Brassaloti R, Ortiz C, Sawakuchi HO, Forti LR, Cacciali P, Bertoluci J, Haddad CFB, Ribeiro MC. 2018. **ATLANTIC AMPHIBIANS: a data set of amphibian communities from the Atlantic Forests of South America.** *Ecology [Data Paper]* 99(7):1692-1692. [10.1002/ecy.2392](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.2392)
7. Ferro e Silva AM, Sobral-Souza T, **Vancine MH**, Muylaert RL, Abreu AP, Pelloso SM, Carvalho MDB, Andrade L, Ribeiro MC, Toledo MJ. 2018. **Spatial prediction of risk areas for vector**

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  10. Santos JP, Sobral-Souza T, Brown Jr KS, Vancine MH, Ribeiro MC, Freitas AV. 2020. **Effects of landscape modification on species richness patterns of fruit-feeding butterflies in Brazilian Atlantic Forest.** *Diversity and Distributions* 26(2):196-208. [10.1111/ddi.13007](https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.13007)
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*Copernicia alba* and *Copernicia prunifera* (Arecaceae) distribution in South America. *Brazilian Journal of Botany* 45:807-818. [10.1007/s40415-022-00801-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40415-022-00801-8)

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25. Dutra VAB, Vancine MH, Lima AAM, Toledo PM. 2023. **Dinâmica da paisagem e fragmentação de ecossistemas em três bacias hidrográficas na Amazônia Oriental entre 1985 e 2019.** *Revista Brasileira de Geografia Física* 16(02):936-949. [10.26848/rbgf.v16.2.p936-949](https://doi.org/10.26848/rbgf.v16.2.p936-949)
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**duas bacias hidrográficas no Estado do Piauí.** *Revista Observatório de la Economía Latinoamericana* 22(11):e7996. [10.55905/oelv22n11-247](https://doi.org/10.55905/oelv22n11-247)

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## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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1. Morini RFS\*, Vancine MH\*, Martinez AN, Sales LP, Pires MM. **Habitat degradation threatens the topological diversity of seed-dispersal networks in the Atlantic Forest hotspot**. *Global Change Biology*.
2. Furlan ME, Hayman DTS<sup>§</sup>, Wada M, Ribeiro MC<sup>§</sup>, Muylaert RL<sup>§</sup>, Vancine MH<sup>§</sup>. **Optimizing human rabies prevention in Brazil through spatial prioritization and a One Health approach**. *Scientific Reports*.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate courses (390 h)

- **Ecological Niche Modeling in R (30 h)** 2016  
Teaching assistant, Ecology and Biodiversity Graduate Program, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Ecological Niche Modeling: theory and practice (45h)** 2016  
Teaching assistant, Ecology Graduate Program, State University of Campinas (Unicamp)
- **Ecological Niche Modeling: theory and practice (60 h)** 2017  
Teaching assistant, Ecology and Biodiversity Graduate Program, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to Geoprocessing for Ethnobiology and Conservation (45 h)** 2019  
Invited teacher, Ethnobiology and Nature Conservation Graduate Program, Rural Federal University of Pernambuco (UFRPE)
- **Introduction to the use of geospatial data in R (60 h)** 2020  
Invited teacher, Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution Graduate Program, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to the use of geospatial data in R (60 h)** 2021  
Invited teacher, Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution Graduate Program, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Version control with git/GitHub and introduction to programming in R (30 h)** 2025  
Invited teacher, Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution Graduate Program, Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB)
- **NT265/NE441 - Data analysis and graphical presentation using R language (60 h)** 2025  
Teaching assistant, Ecology Graduate Program, State University of Campinas (Unicamp)

### Undergraduate courses (102 h)



- **Quantitative Ecology (60 h)** 2015  
Teaching assistant, Ecology Undergraduate, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Statistical Models in Ecology (12 h)** 2018  
Teaching assistant, Ecology Undergraduate, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Statistical Models in Ecology (30 h)** 2020  
Teacher, Ecology Undergraduate, São Paulo State University (UNESP)

#### **Workshops (112 h)**

- **Organization of data in electronic sheets - Calc (08 h)** 2014  
Workshop instructor, XXV Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to software R (08 h)** 2015  
Workshop instructor, XXVI Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Field herpetology (15 h)** 2016  
Workshop instructor, XXVII Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to software R (16 h)** 2016  
Workshop instructor, XXVII Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to Species Distribution Modeling using R Language: theory and practice (07 h)** 2018  
Workshop instructor, 9º Brazilian Congress of Herpetology, State University of Campinas (Unicamp)
- **Field work with amphibians (08 h)** 2018  
Workshop instructor, 29ª Biology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to R Language (08 h)** 2019  
Workshop instructor, XXX Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to R Language (08 h)** 2019  
Workshop instructor, 30ª Biology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Geoprocessing with QGIS (03 h)** 2021  
Workshop instructor, 32ª Biology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to species distribution modeling using the R language (06 h)** 2021  
Workshop instructor, Mastozólogos Organizados em uma Conferência Online (MOCÓ), Sociedade Brasileira de Mastozoologia
- **Introduction to the R language for data manipulation and visualization (08 h)** 2021  
Workshop instructor, XXXII Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to the R language for data manipulation and visualization (09 h)** 2022  
Workshop instructor, XXXIII Ecology Studies Week, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Analyzing spatial patterns in biodiversity data (06 h)** 2024  
Workshop instructor, São Paulo School of Advanced Science (SPSAS), State University of Campinas (Unicamp)
- **Introduction to landscape metrics in R (02 h)** 2024  
Workshop instructor, I Brazilian Symposium on Ecological Synthesis, Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM)

## Guest lectures (10 h)

- **Introduction to the R language (02 h)** 2023  
Teacher, Statistical Models in Ecology, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Introduction to Numerical Ecology (02 h)** 2023  
Teacher, Quantitative Ecology, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Data manipulation and programming in R (06 h)** 2024  
Teacher, NT265/NE441 - Data analysis and graphical presentation using R language, State University of Campinas (Unicamp)

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- **Student representative** 2020-2021  
Graduate Program in Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity, São Paulo State University (UNESP)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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- Associação Brasileira de Ecólogos (ABE) 2018-Currently
- Associação Brasileira de Ciência Ecológica e Conservação (ABECO) 2021-Currently
- Society for Open, Reliable, and Transparent Ecology and Evolutionary biology (SORTEE) 2025-Currently

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

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- **Helena Thereza Carvalho de Oliveira** 2021  
*Distribuição do padrão reprodutivo em comunidades de anuros na Mata Atlântica.* [link](#)  
Advisor, Undergraduate thesis, Biological Sciences, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Bruno Eduardo Ribeiro Silva** 2022  
*Comparação da distribuição de espécies inferidos por Modelos de Nicho Ecológicos e mapa de especialistas da IUCN para anfíbios anuros da América do Sul.* [link](#)  
Advisor, Undergraduate thesis, Ecology, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Maria Eduarda Furlan** 2025  
*Inferindo a circulação do vírus da raiva e risco zoonótico com aplicações para a saúde pública.*  
Advisor, Undergraduate thesis, Ecology, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- **Mariana Trindade Lahr** 2025  
*Movimento e mortalidade: efeito das rodovias sobre a mastofauna e conservação ambiental no Brasil.*  
Advisor, Undergraduate thesis, Ecology, São Paulo State University (UNESP)

## MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Latest conferences

- **Brazilian Amphibian Conservation Symposium (ANFoCO)** 2018
- **Brazilian Congress of Herpetology** 2019
- **II Workshop of Community Ecology** 2020
- **Mastozoologists Organized in an Online Conference** 2021
- **FOSS4G (Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial)** 2021

- **I Brazilian Symposium on Ecological Synthesis** 2024
- **ATBC 2025** 2025
- **MapBiomass User Summit** 2025

## SERVICES

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- Journal editor:  
Austral Ecology
- Journal reviewer:  
Zoologia, PLOS One, Biological Invasions, Hydrobiologia, Scientific Data, Diversity and Distributions, Papéis Avulsos de Zoologia, Conservation Biology, Austral Ecology, Scientia Plena, Ecosystem Services, PeerJ, Global Change Biology, Journal of Biogeography, Biotropica, Ocean and Coastal Management, Journal of Applied Ecology, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Ecological Indicators, Journal of Animal Ecology, Biological Conservation, Ecosphere, Ecological Modelling, Basic and Applied Ecology, Landscape Ecology, Ecological Applications.
- Funding agency referee:  
São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

## SKILLS

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### Programming languages

- R (advanced, including tidyverse, markdown, quarto), Shiny (basic), git (intermediate), LaTeX (intermediate), Python (basic), Julia (basic), JavaScript (basic), shell/bash (basic), HTML/CSS (basic)

### Software, applications and platforms

- QGIS (advanced), GRASS GIS (advanced), GNU/Linux (intermediate), Fragstats (intermediate), GuidosToolbox (intermediate), LibreOffice suite (intermediate), Zotero (intermediate), Google Earth Engine (basic), GeoDa (basic), ArcGIS (basic), Inkscape (basic), Sublime Text (basic), Emacs (basic)

### R packages

- *lsmetrics*: provides multiscale calculation and spatialization of landscape metrics using GRASS GIS  
Authors: Bernardo B. Niebuhr\*, **Maurício Humberto Vancine\***, Felipe Martello Ribeiro, Renata L. Muylaert, John Wesley Ribeiro, Milton Cezar Ribeiro  
Link: [mauriciovancine.github.io/lsmetrics](https://mauriciovancine.github.io/lsmetrics)
- *atlanticr*: provides data from the ATLANTIC, data papers from Atlantic Forest  
Authors: **Maurício Humberto Vancine**, Bernardo Niebuhr, Renata L. Muylaert, Mauro Galetti, Milton Cezar Ribeiro  
Link: [mauriciovancine.github.io/atlanticr](https://mauriciovancine.github.io/atlanticr)
- *amphiBR*: dataset from the official publication of the List of Amphibians in Brazil published by the Brazilian Society of Herpetology  
Authors: Paulo Barros de Abreu Junior, **Maurício Humberto Vancine**, Diogo B. Provete  
Link: [paulobarros.github.io/amphiBR](https://paulobarros.github.io/amphiBR)

- *ecodados*: ecological data base for teaching statistics  
Authors: Gustavo Paterno, Diogo B. Provete, Fernando Rodrigues da Silva, Thiago Gonçalves-Souza, **Maurício Humberto Vancine**  
Link: [paternogbc.github.io/ecodados](https://paternogbc.github.io/ecodados)
- *lsma*: landscape-structure multiscale analysis using R  
Authors: Wilson Frantine-Silva, Lazaro S. Carneiro, André Luis Regolin, **Maurício Humberto Vancine**, Juliana S. Santos, Bernardo Brandão Niebuhr, Edson Valmorbida, Maria Cristina Gaglianone, Milton C. Ribeiro  
Link: [wilsonfrantine/lsma](https://wilsonfrantine/lsma)

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### Statistical knowledge

- *Descriptive statistics*: handling tabular data (advanced), handling spatial data (advanced), tabular data visualization (advanced), spatial data visualization (advanced).
- *Univariate statistics*: frequentist methods (advanced), likelihood-based methods (intermediate), model selection (intermediate), Bayesian inference (basic).
- *Multivariate statistics*: ordination methods (intermediate), clustering methods (intermediate), discriminant analysis (basic).

### Languages

- English (intermediate)
- Spanish (basic)
- Italian (basic)
- Portuguese (native)

## MEDIA

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### News

- **Pesquisadores mapeiam áreas com potencial para futuros surtos de doenças semelhantes à Covid-19.** *Jornal da UNESP.* [link](#) 2022
- **Alto Tietê somou mais de 30 hectares desmatados em quatro anos.** *G1.* [link](#) 2023
- **Novo estudo destaca preocupação com estado de conservação da Mata Atlântica.** *Um Só Planeta.* [link](#) 2024
- **Novo estudo destaca preocupação com estado de conservação da Mata Atlântica.** *Folha de São Paulo.* [link](#) 2024
- **Novo estudo destaca preocupação com estado de conservação da Mata Atlântica.** *Agência FAPESP.* [link](#) 2024
- **Novo estudo destaca preocupação com estado de conservação da Mata Atlântica.** *Jornal da UNESP.* [link](#) 2024
- **Condomínios, estradas e caça: Mata Atlântica enfrenta novos riscos.** *Olhar Digital [Ciência e Espaço].* [link](#) 2024

- **Desmatamento desacelera na Mata Atlântica, mas fragmentação aumenta.** *Mongabay Brasil.* [link](#) 2024
- **Unidades de Conservação: guardiãs da Mata Atlântica.** *Ekos Brasil.* [link](#) 2024
- **Consciência ambiental é aceleradora de projetos de restauração na Mata Atlântica.** *Um Só Planeta.* [link](#) 2024
- **No Clima dos Biomas: com restauração de florestas e nascentes de água, projetos buscam recuperar uma Mata Atlântica degradada.** *Um Só Planeta.* [link](#) 2024
- **O paradoxo da Mata Atlântica.** *Piauí.* [link](#) 2025
- **Fragmented Forests Lead to Declining Biodiversity.** *ClimateAction.* [link](#) 2025
- **Manchas grandes de floresta têm mais biodiversidade do que fragmentos menores somados.** *Revista Fapesp.* [link](#) 2025
- **Fragmentação de florestas reduz biodiversidade em todas as escalas, mostra estudo global.** *The Conversation.* [link](#) 2025
- **Preservar a biodiversidade exige áreas de conservação amplas.** *EcoDebate.* [link](#) 2025
- **Estudo da Nature analisa mais de 4.000 espécies e mostra que é preciso grandes áreas de floresta para preservar diversidade.** *bori agência.* [link](#) 2025
- **Fragmentação florestal e perda de habitat prejudica a biodiversidade.** *Correio Braziliense.* [link](#) 2025
- **Pequenas florestas isoladas não chegam para proteger a biodiversidade.** *Greensavers.* [link](#) 2025
- **Want to preserve biodiversity? Go big, U-M researchers say.** *Michigan News.* [link](#) 2025
- **New study refutes habitat fragmentation claim.** *IDiv.* [link](#) 2025
- **Resolving a 50-year debate: fragmentation decreases biodiversity on multiple scales.** *Conservation Corridor.* [link](#) 2025
- **New paper resolves a half-century old debate about how to conserve biodiversity in natural areas.** *Anthropocene.* [link](#) 2025
- **Em conservação, tamanho é mesmo documento.** *oeco.* [link](#) 2025
- **Conservar a biodiversidade exige grandes áreas florestais e paisagens contínuas.** *Jornal da USP.* [link](#) 2025
- **Mudanças climáticas podem eliminar pequenos mamíferos únicos da Mata Atlântica.** *CDS Litoral Sul.* [link](#) 2025
- **Mudanças Climáticas Podem Eliminar Pequenos Mamíferos Únicos da Mata Atlântica da América do Sul.** *UESC Notícias.* [link](#) 2025
- **O que é melhor proteger: grandes florestas ou vários fragmentos? Novo estudo reacende polêmica.** *Mongabay.* [link](#) 2025
- **Protect one large forest, or many small ones? New study reignites conservation debate.** *Mongabay.* [link](#) 2025
- **Ganhos de vegetação secundária na Mata Atlântica são insuficientes para compensar perdas de estoque de carbono e áreas de conservação.** *UFSB Ciência.* [link](#) 2025



## YouTube

- Métricas de paisagem no R. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2019
- We R Live 01: Como começar no R. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 02: Elaborando mapas no R. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 03: Elaborando mapa no R com tmap. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 04: Manipulando dados raster no R. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 05: Manipulando dados raster no R II. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 06: Extraíndo dados climáticos para pontos. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 07: Introdução à estatística Espacial I. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 08: Introdução à Estatística Espacial II. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 09: Introdução à estatística Espacial III. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 10: Join como associar dados à vetores. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 11: florestal - Pacote R para inventário florestal. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 13: Introdução à Estatística Espacial IV. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 14: Geoestatística com Jorge Kazuo Yamamoto. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 15: Introdução à estatística Espacial V. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- We R Live 16: R Markdown: usando o R para comunicar seus resultados. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020
- Unesp realiza estudo para verificar a importância do isolamento social. *TV Claret*. [link](#) 2020
- Uso e aplicações de modelos estatísticos em Ecologia e Geografia. *EstaTiDados*. [link](#) 2020
- Aplicações da Cartografia para a Ecologia Espacial. *Ciclo de Palestras de Cartografia Básica (UFF)*. [link](#) 2021
- Estatística e análise de dados espaciais no R: um estudo de caso com dados do Lago Walker. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2021
- Conhecendo Hugo Apéro: fazendo blogs com blogdown e R. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2021
- O fascinante mundo do GRASS GIS. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2021
- O fascinante mundo do GRASS. *Fascinante Mundo do Sensoriamento Remoto*. [link](#) 2021
- Modelos em Ecologia: extrapolando nosso conhecimento sobre a distribuição das espécies. *DEA UFV*. [link](#) 2021
- Análises Ecológicas no R (Lançamento). *Análises Ecológicas no R*. [link](#) 2022
- Análise de dados geoespaciais no R. *Grupo de Estudos em Ecologia Quantitativa (GEEQ)*. [link](#) 2024
- Análises Ecológicas no R e a importância das análises estatísticas para a ecologia e a transdisciplinaridade. *Engenharia Ambiental Ibirité UEMG*. [link](#) 2024

## Podcasts and interviews

- O Fascinante Mundo do Sensoriamento Remoto. *GeoCast Brasil*. [link](#) 2020

- **Conversa com Ecólogo II - A importância da análise de dados.** *Associação Brasileira de Ecólogos (ABE) - Conversa com Ecólogo.* [link](#) 2020
- **Você tem medo de errar?** *DesAbraçando Árvores.* [link](#) 2022
- **Pesquisa da Unesp aponta melhora na conservação da Mata Atlântica.** *RecordTV Interior SP.* [link](#) 2024
- **Análises Ecológicas no R (Eng. Ambiental e Biologia).** *Bate-papo com cientistas - UEMG Ibiratê.* [link](#) 2024

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