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Research interests

Applied Ecology & Conservation

LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY; BIODIVERSITY AND SPECIES CONSERVATION; EVIDENCE-BASED SYNTHESIS AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

Theoretical Ecology

FOREST DEMOGRAPHY; COMMUNITY ECOLOGY; MACROECOLOGY

Data Science & Ecological Statistics

MULTILEVEL/MIXED-EFFECTS MODELS, VARIANCE PARTITIONING ANALYSIS, MODELS' DIAGNOSTIC

Metascience & Open Science

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY IN ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION, BEST PRACTICES AND TOOLS IN OPEN SCIENCE

Education

PhD in Ecology

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Title: Embracing Variability: the use of mixed effects models in Ecology
- Outstanding Thesis Prize 2023 from the University of São Paulo
- Mar 2020 - Mar 2021: Visiting PhD student at the University of Regensburg (Germany)
- Sep 2020 - Feb 2021: Predoctoral fellowship at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Smithsonian Institution (USA)
- Jan 2022 - Mar 2022: Visiting PhD student at Leiden University (The Netherlands)

Jun 2017 -> Dec 2022

São Paulo, Brazil

MBA in Data Science and Analytics

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Title: How to get the most out of forest data? Disentangling tree demography with multilevel models

Oct 2021 -> Jul 2023

São Paulo, Brazil

MBA in Environmental Management

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Title: Socio-economic factors and native vegetation cover on rural properties in the state of São Paulo, Brazil

Nov 2015 -> Aug 2017

São Paulo, Brazil

MSc in Ecology

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO

- Title: Spatial and activity patterns of the water opossum Chironectes minimus in Atlantic Forest rivers in southeastern Brazil

Mar 2007 -> Jul 2009

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

BSc in Biology

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO

- Title: Ecology and conservation of the water opossum, Chironectes minimus, in Atlantic Forest rivers in the São João River Basin, Rio de Janeiro State

Mar 2003 -> Feb 2006

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Professional Experiences

Postdoctoral Researcher

THEORETICAL ECOLOGY LAB, UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG, GERMANY

- Project: Increasing the validity of statistical analyses with DHARMA

Sep 2024 -> Present

Regensburg, Germany

Staff Scientist in Ecology and Data Science

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Working in ecology and conservation research projects in Landscape Ecology and Conservation, Theoretical Ecology, Tropical Forest Ecology, Ecological Statistics
- Consultant in sampling design, statistical analysis, spatial analysis (GIS) and R language.
- Lecturer/Collaborating lecturer/teaching assistant in bachelor's biology and graduate Ecology courses.

Aug 2010 -> August 2024

São Paulo, Brazil

Postdoctoral Researcher

BAYREUTH CENTER OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH (BAYCEER), BAYREUTH UNIVERSITY

- Project: Demography of global threatened tree species.
- Laboratory of Ecosystem Analysis and Simulations (EASI-lab).

Oct 2023 -> Feb 2024

Bayreuth, Germany

Visiting Researcher

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (CML), LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

- Project: Are There Limits to the Predictability of Forest Dynamics?

Jan 2023 -> Mar 2023

Leiden, The Netherlands

Environmental Consultant

MANY COMPANIES

- Responsible for fieldwork on mammal assessment and for writing Environmental Impact Assessment reports in five Environmental License Projects in the Brazilian states of Minas Gerais, Bahia, Piauí, Mato Grosso, and Goiás.

Jun 2009 -> Jul 2010

Brazil

Teaching Experiences

COURSES

Introduction to Statistics and Data Science with R

UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG

- Lecturer of the courses for master's and PhD students
- Block course, 1 week (40h)

2025

Regensburg, Germany

Best practices and Open Science tools for Ecology

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Lecturer and co-creator of the course for graduate students (master's and PhD) at the Graduate Program in Ecology
- Block course, 2 weeks (45h) in 2024, 1 week (30h) in 2023

2023 & 2024

São Paulo, Brazil

Introduction to R for Environmental Consultancy

ARCADIS CONSULTANCY

- Lecturer and creator of the course taught to the data science team at a large consultancy company in Brazil
- 2 months (May-June): 4h per week

2016

São Paulo, Brazil

The Atlantic Forest field course

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Guest lecturer/Project reviewer at the block course for graduate students (master's and PhD) at the Graduate Program for Ecology

Jul 2015

São Paulo, Brazil

Field course on Invertebrate Zoology and Ecology

FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (IFRJ)

- Guest Lecturer in two field courses for bachelor/undergraduate students

2011 & 2012

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

WORKSHOPS

2025 ForestGEO Analytical Workshop

Jul 2025

Nanyuki, Kenya

- Co-mentor of eight projects from researchers at different levels (technician, master's, PhD and post-docs) in the Demography group 2.

Residual diagnostics of generalized linear (mixed-effects) models with DHARMA

Aug 2025

JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIessen

Giessen, Germany

- Hands-on workshop on applying, interpreting and solving problems for residual diagnostics of GLM/GLMMs with the R package DHARMA

Interpretation of scientific graphics

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Workshop dedicated to bachelor students applying for a master's/PhD at the Graduate Program in Ecology
- Bachelor students that were covered by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion affirmative action of the Program
- 3h

Jul 2024

São Paulo, Brazil

TEACHING ASSISTANT

R Language for Ecological Data Analysis

2012 to 2018 & 2023

São Paulo, Brazil

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Teaching assistant for 8 times in the block course, taught once per year at the Graduate Program for Ecology

Design, Planning and Data Analysis in Ecology

2018

São Paulo, Brazil

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Block course, taught once per year at the Graduate Program for Ecology

Teaching assistant at bachelor courses in Biology

2015 - 2017 - 2024

São Paulo, Brazil

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Ecology of plant populations and communities (2017)
- Virtual Ecology (2015, 2017)
- Bioclimatology (2024)

Undergraduate teaching assistant at bachelor courses in Biology

2005 & 2006

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO

- Ecology, two semesters 2005, including fieldwork
- Animal Ecology, one semester 2006, including fieldwork
- Vertebrate Zoology, one semester 2006, including fieldwork

Awards, fellowships and grants

Brazilian reais (R\$) amounts were converted to US dollars at the time of the award.

OWN GRANTS

Research Grant

CAPES AND GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

- Grant to develop part of the PhD project at Leiden University, The Netherlands.

\$10,000 BRL (~\$2,000 USD)

Jan 2022 -> Mar 2022

Research Travel Grant	\$2,500 USD
FORESTGEO, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, USA	Mar 2020 -> May 2020
• Travel grant to develop the PhD project with the ForestGEO network at the University of Regensburg, Germany, for 2 months.	

GRANTS AS COLLABORATOR

Research Grant	\$300,000 BRL (~\$57,000 USD)
PPBIO-MMA, BRAZIL	May 2024 -> April 2027
• Researcher/collaborator at the 3-years research funding. Title: Reconnecting people with nature: a path to conserving the Atlantic Forest. PI: Paula Koeler Lira (Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro).	
Research Grant	\$60,000 USD
FAPESP, BRAZIL	2017 -> 2020
• Researcher collaborator at the 2-years research funding. Title: Functional and Phylogenetic assembly of trees in Restinga forest. PI: A.A. de Oliveira (University of São Paulo).	
Research Grant	\$60,000 USD
FAPESP, BRAZIL	2014 -> 2016
• Researcher collaborator at the 2-years research funding. Title: Ecological Detective tools, using imperfect detection models to investigate ecological questions. PI: P.I. Prado (University of São Paulo).	

AWARDS, PRIZES & FELLOWSHIPS

10th Cohort of the Mentoring.UR program	\$300 EUR + coaching workshops
UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG	Dec 2024 -> Dec 2025
• Selected to participate in the mentoring and coaching program for outstanding women academics at an early stage in their careers and in their personal development.	
Outstanding Thesis Prize 2023	\$10,000 BRL (~\$2,000 USD)
UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO	Dec 2023 -> Dec 2023
• Prize awarded to the best PhD thesis defended at the University of São Paulo in 2022, in the category of staff scientist.	
Research Fellowship	\$5,030 EUR
PRINT-USP AND CAPES, BRAZIL	Jan 2023 -> Mar 2023
• Two months fellowship from the Internationalization Program of the University of São Paulo and CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior) to conduct research at Leiden University, The Netherlands.	
Language Course Scholarship	\$1,860 EUR
DAAD, GERMANY	Jan 2022 -> Feb 2022
• Scholarship from DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) to attend the Hochschulwinterkurs, an online German course (B2 level) at Leipzig University, Germany. It includes the course fee (€ 1185,00) and general expenses (\$675 EUR).	
MBA Scholarship	\$12,420 BRL (~\$2,600 USD)
UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL	Oct 2021 -> Jul 2023
• Scholarship to cover all course fees of the MBA in Data Science and Analytics at the University of São Paulo.	
Predoctoral Fellowship	\$18,080 USD
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, USA	Sep 2020 -> Feb 2021
• 6-months fellowship to work at the Laboratory of Quantitative Ecology, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater (USA).	
MBA Scholarship	\$16,200 BRL (~\$4,700 USD)
UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL	Nov 2015 -> Aug 2017
• Scholarship to cover all course fees of the MBA in Environmental Management at the University of São Paulo.	
Master's Scholarship	\$33,600 (~\$13,440 USD)
CNPQ, BRAZIL	Mar 2007 -> Mar 2009
• 2-years fellowship from Brazilian National Council for Scientific Development (CNPq) to work on my master's project.	
Undergraduate Science Scholarship	\$9,600 BRL (~\$4,800 USD)
CNPQ, BRAZIL	Mar 2005 -> Feb 2007
• 2-years fellowship from Brazilian National Council for Scientific Development (CNPq) to work on my bachelor's science project.	

SHORTLISTING

Southwood Prize 2022: Early Career Researcher Award	2023
JOURNAL OF APPLIED ECOLOGY	
• Shortlisted among the 12 best papers in Journal of Applied Ecology in 2022 with the paper: Matrix quality determines the strength of habitat loss filtering on bird communities at the landscape scale.	

Publications

18 peer-reviewed publications (6 as first author, 2 as senior author); 2 manuscripts in preparation; 7 Preprints (from 6 published papers); 7 repositories for datasets and code; 2 book chapters; 3 pieces of science outreach (2 reports for magazines, 1 for newspaper); 9 pieces of media coverage.

Google Scholar Citations (November 2025): 650; H-index 11; i10-index 11.

*Citations for each paper are according to Google Scholar. Links to publications on titles.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

18. Nakamura G, Stabile BHM, ..., **Leite, M. de S.**, et al. (2025) The hidden biodiversity knowledge split in biological collections. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 292:20251045, Citations: 2.
19. Barreto JR, Romitelli I, Santana PC, Assis APA, Pardini R, **Leite M de S** (2025) Is the audience gender-blind? Smaller attendance in female talks highlights an imbalanced visibility in academia. *npj Biodiversity* 4:28. Citation: 3.
20. Noble, D. W. A., Xirocostas, Z. A., Wu, N. C., Martinig, ... **Leite, M. de S.**, ... Lagisz, M. (2025). The promise of community-driven preprints in ecology and evolution. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 292(2039), 20241487. Citation: 6.
21. **Leite, M. de S.**, McMahon, S. M., Prado, P. I., Davies, S. J., Oliveira, A. A. de, ..., Visser, M. D. & Hülsmann, L. (2024). Major Axes of Variation in Tree Demography across Global Forests. *Ecography*, e07187. **EDITOR'S CHOICE of the June 2024 Issue**. Citation: 3.
22. Hülsmann, L., Chisholm, R. A., Comita, L., Visser, M. D., **Leite, M. de S.**, ... Hartig, F. (2024). Latitudinal Patterns in Stabilizing Density Dependence of Forest Communities. *Nature*, 1–8. Citations: 46.
23. **Leite, M. de S.**, Boesing, A. L., Metzger, J. P., & Prado, P. I. (2022). Matrix Quality Determines the Strength of Habitat Loss Filtering on Bird Communities at the Landscape Scale. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 59(11), 2790–2802. Citations: 22.
24. Oberpriller, J., **Leite, M. de S.**, & Pichler, M. (2022). Fixed or Random? On the Reliability of Mixed-Effects Models for a Small Number of Levels in Grouping Variables. *Ecology and Evolution*, 12(7), e9062. Citations: 79. **Prize for 2022-2023 Top cited and Top Downloaded Paper of Ecology & Evolution**
25. Barros, C. dos S. de, Pistón, N., Delciellos, A. C., & **Leite, M. de S.** (2021). Is Oecologia Australis Promoting Gender Equality in Its Review Process? *Oecologia Australis*, 25(3), 642–647. Citations: 5.
26. Locosselli, G. M., Brienen, R. J. W., **Leite, M. de S.**, Gloor, M., Krottenthaler, S., Oliveira, A. A. de, Barichivich, J., Anhuf, D., Ceccantini, G., Schöngart, J., & Buckeridge, M. (2020). Global Tree-Ring Analysis Reveals Rapid Decrease in Tropical Tree Longevity with Temperature. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(52), 33358–33364. Citations: 124.
27. **Leite, M. de S.**, Silva Junior, J. A. D., Calaboni, A., Igari, A. T., Leite, M. D. S., Silva Junior, J. A. D., Calaboni, A., & Igari, A. T. (2020). Socioeconomic factors and native vegetation cover in rural landscapes in São Paulo state, Brazil. *Ambiente & Sociedade*, 23. Citations: 18.
28. Lira, P. K., **Leite, M. de S.**, & Metzger, J. P. (2019). Temporal Lag in Ecological Responses to Landscape Change: Where Are We Now? *Current Landscape Ecology Reports*, 4(3), 70–82. Citations: 96.
29. Acosta, A. L., d'Albertas, F., **Leite, M. de S.**, Saraiva, A. M., & Walter Metzger, J. P. (2018). Gaps and Limitations in the Use of Restoration Scenarios: A Review. *Restoration Ecology*, 26(6), 1108–1119. Citations: 34.
30. **Leite, M. de S.**, Galliez, M., Queiroz, T. L., & Fernandez, F. A. S. (2016). Spatial Ecology of the Water Opossum Chironectes Minimus in Atlantic Forest Streams. *Mammalian Biology*, 003. Citations: 9.
31. Fernandez, F. A. S., Galliez, M., **Leite, M. de S.**, Queiroz, T. L., & Palmeirim, A. F. (2015). Natural History of the Water Opossum Chironectes Minimus: A Review. *Oecologia Australis*, 19(1), 47–62. Citations: 16.
32. Palmeirim, A. F., **Leite, M. de S.**, Santos-Reis, M., & Fernandez, F. A. S. (2014). Habitat Selection for Resting Sites by the Water Opossum (Chironectes Minimus) in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. *Studies on Neotropical Fauna and Environment*, 49(3), 231–238. Citations: 8.
33. **Leite, M. de S.**, Queiróz, T. L., Galliez, M., de Mendonça, P. P., & Fernandez, F. A. S. (2013). Activity Patterns of the Water Opossum Chironectes Minimus in Atlantic Forest Rivers of South-Eastern Brazil. *Journal of Tropical Ecology*, 29(03), 261–264. Citations: 15.
34. **Leite, M. de S.**, Tambosi, L. R., Romitelli, I., & Metzger, J. P. (2013). Landscape Ecology Perspective in Restoration Projects for Biodiversity Conservation: A Review. *Perspectives in Ecology & Conservation (Natureza & Conservação)*, 11(2), 108–118. Citations: 106.
35. Galliez, M., **Leite, M. de S.**, Queiroz, T. L., & Fernandez, F. A. S. (2009). Ecology of the Water Opossum Chironectes Minimus in Atlantic Forest Streams of Southeastern Brazil. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 90(1), 93–103. Citations: 56.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Manuscripts are available upon request.

1. Barreto, J. R., **Leite, M. de S.**, Pardini, R., & Nichols, E. Context-Dependent Drivers of Biodiversity Response to Anthropogenic Changes. *To Be Submitted to Ecology*. Draft manuscript, in review with co-authors.
2. Morato, K., **Leite, M. de S.**, ..., Metzger, J. P. Unpacking the Effects of Urban Green Areas Exposure on Mental Health: A Meta-Analysis. *Submitted to Urban Ecosystems*.

PREPRINTS

7. **Leite M de S**, Rettelbach D, Hartig F (2025) Dispersion tests in generalised linear mixed-effects models - a methods comparison and practical guide. EcoEvoRxiv. Submitted to Methods in Ecology and Evolution.

Preprints published in peer-reviewed journals:

6. Nakamura, G., Stabile, B. H., Frateles, L. F., Araujo, M. L., Neuhaus E., Marinho M., ***Leite, M. de S.**, Richter A., Liuyong, D., Freitas, T. M. S., Soares, B. E., Graça, W. J., Diniz-Filho, J. A. F. 2024 The macroecology of knowledge: Spatio-temporal patterns of name-bearing types in biodiversity science. EcoEvoRxiv.
7. *Barreto, J., Romitelli, I., Santana, P. C., Assis, A. P., Pardini, R., & ***Leite, M. de S.**. Is the Audience Gender-Blind? Smaller Audience in Female Talks Highlights Prestige Differences in Academia. EcoEvoRxiv. *Authors with Equal Contribution.

8. Noble, D. W. A., Xirocostas, Z. A., Wu, N. C., Martinig, A. R., Lagisz, M., ... **Leite, M de S.**, ... et al. 2024. The promise of community-driven preprints in ecology and evolution. EcoEvoRxiv.
9. **Leite, M. de S.**, McMahon, S. M., Prado, P. I., Davies, S. J., Oliveira, A. A. de, ..., Visser, M.D. & Hulsmann, L. (2023). Major Axes of Variation in Tree Demography across Global Forests. bioRxiv.
10. **Leite, M. de S.**, Boesing, A. L., Metzger, J. P., & Prado, P. I. (2021). Matrix Quality Determines the Strength of Habitat Loss Filtering on Bird Communities at the Landscape Scale. EcoEvoRxiv.
11. Oberpriller, J., **Leite, M. de S.**, & Pichler, M. (2021). Fixed or Random? On the Reliability of Mixed-Effects Models for a Small Number of Levels in Grouping Variables. bioRxiv.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Leite, M. de S.**, Silva Junior, J. A. D., Calaboni, A., & Igari, A. T. (2021). Variações no percentual de vegetação nativa em imóveis de povos indígenas, quilombolas e comunidades locais tradicionais no Estado de São Paulo. In M. C. da Cunha, S. B. Magalhães, & C. Adams (Eds.), Povos Tradicionais e Biodiversidade no Brasil: Vols. Parte II Seção 5: Os territórios indígenas e tradicionais protegem a biodiversidade? (p. 134).
2. Calaboni, A., **Leite, M. de S.**, Campanha, J. S., Oliveira, C. E. de, Resende, R. U., Pavanelli, J. M. M., Tambosi, L. R., & Igari, A. T. (2020). ODS 15 – Vida Terrestre – Histórico, Governança e Perspectivas Para Conservação Dos Ecossistemas Terrestres Na Macrometrópole Paulista. In K. Frey, P. H. C. Torres, P. R. Jacobi, & R. C. F. Ramos (Eds.), Objetivos Do Desenvolvimento Sustentável: Desafios Para o Planejamento e a Governança Ambiental Na Macrometrópole Paulista (pp. 235–261). Editora UFABC. Citations: 2.

DATA/CODE REPOSITORIES

7. **Leite M de S** (2025) Code and simulations from: Dispersion tests in generalised linear mixed-effects models - a methods comparison and practical guide. Zenodo.
8. **Leite, M. de S.** & Barreto, J. (2024). Data and Code from: Is the audience gender-blind? Smaller attendance in female talks highlights imbalanced visibility in academia (v1.0.0). Zenodo.
9. **Leite, M. de S.** (2022). Data and Code from: Major Axes of Variation in Tree Demography across Global Forests. Zenodo.
10. **Leite, M. de S.** (2022). Data and Code from: Matrix Quality Determines the Strength of Habitat Loss Filtering on Bird Communities at the Landscape Scale (v2.2). Zenodo.
11. Pichler, M., **Leite, M. de S.** & Oberpriller, J. (2022). Data and Code from: Fixed or Random? On the Reliability of Mixed-Effects Models for a Small Number of Levels in Grouping Variables. Zenodo.
12. Locosselli, G., Brienen, R., **Leite, M. de Souza**, et al. (2020). Global tree-ring analysis reveals rapid decrease in tropical tree longevity with temperature. figshare repository.
13. **Leite, M. de S.** (2016). Data from: Spatial Ecology of the Water Opossum Chironectes Minimus in Atlantic Forest Streams. Movebank Repository.

SCIENCE OUTREACH

1. **Leite, M. de S.** 2023. Prêmio Teses USP 2023 - Incorporando a variabilidade: O uso de modelos de efeitos mistos em ecologia [Video recording]. Outreach video in Portuguese summarizing my thesis for the Outstanding Thesis Prize 2023. University of São Paulo, Brazil.
2. Galliez, M., **Leite, M. de S.**, Fernandez, F. A. S., Queiroz, T. L., Palmeirim, A. F., Avelato, H. L., & Mendonça, P. P. (2011). Cuída d'água Chironectes Minimus. MG BIOTA,4(3), 56–60.2.
3. **Leite, M. de S.**, Galliez, M., Queiroz, T. L., & Fernandez, F. A. S. (2010). Cuíca D'água. In Ficha Dos Seres Volume 3 - Reserva Biológica União.
4. Fernandez, F. A. dos S., Galliez, M. & **Leite, M. de S..** (2007). O Gambá Que Inventou o Submarino. Ciência Hoje, 39(234): 70–72.
5. Fernandez, FAS; Galliez M & **Leite, M. de S..** 2007. O gambá que inventou o submarino. Jornal do Brasil, JB Ciência Hoje (edição 0309), p. A32, 11 Feb. 2007.

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Custódio, J. (2024). Árvores têm mais dificuldade de sobreviver perto de outras da mesma espécie. In Jornal da USP.
2. Bigas, B. (2023). Pró-Reitoria de Pós-Graduação divulga vencedores do Prêmio Tese Destaque USP. In Jornal da USP.
3. Journal of Applied Ecology (2023). Southwood Prize 2022: Shortlist Announced for Early Career Researcher Award. In The Applied Ecologist.
4. SORTEE. (2021). SORTEE Member Voices: Melina de Souza Leite. In SORTEE.
5. ForestGEO. (2021). ForestGEO Celebrates International Women & Girls in Science Day 2021. In ForestGEO.
6. Paiva, V. (2021). Árvores Passaram a Ter Uma Vida Mais Curta e Isso é Preocupante, Segundo Cientistas. In Hypeness.
7. Geraque, E. (2020). Árvores tropicais crescem mais rápido, mas duram pouco mais da metade do tempo de vida das temperadas. In Pesquisa FAPESP.
8. Podcast Diálogos Socioambientais. (2020). ODS15 - Falando de Vida Terrestre com Adriane, Leandro e Alexandre. Episódio de Podcast/Entrevista sobre o Capítulo 15 do livro *Objetivos Do Desenvolvimento Sustentável: Desafios Para o Planejamento e a Governança Ambiental Na Macrometrópole Paulista*. Available in Spotify.

Talks

INVITED TALKS

Major axes of variation in tree demography across global forests	2025
SEMINAR TALK	AMAP Lab, Montpellier, France
Diagnostic of linear models	2024
LECTURE AT THE COURSE ON ECOLOGICAL MODELING AND STATISTICS	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Open Data: what is it and what's in it for me?	2024
LECTURE AT THE COURSE ON DATA MANAGEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	Federal University of Fronteira Sul, Brazil
On the Demography of Threatened Trees	2023
PLANT ECOLOGY SEMINAR AT BAYCEER	University of Bayreuth, Germany
Open Data in Ecology	2023
LECTURE AT THE GRADUATE COURSE ON OPEN SCIENCE	University of Goiás, Brazil
Fixed or random? On the reliability of mixed-effects models for a small number of levels in grouping variables	2022
LECTURE AT THE GRADUATE COURSE ON MIXED-EFFECTS MODELS	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Open Data: what is it and what's in it for me?	2022
ECOENCONTROS SEMINAR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Major axes of variation in tree demography across global forests	2022
ECOENCONTROS SEMINAR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Effects of matrix quality on the (dis)assembly of bird communities in fragmented landscapes	2019
ECOENCONTROS SEMINAR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Mixed models in Ecology: using GLMMs to separate processes that assemble biological communities	2018
LECTURE AT THE GRADUATE COURSE ON MIXED-EFFECTS MODELS	University of São Paulo, Brazil

SELECTED TALKS

Detecting dispersion problems in generalized linear mixed-effects models	2025
54TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND (GrÖ)	Wurzburg, Germany
Organizing global forests: Disentangling the contributions of species, space, and time to tree demography	2022
INTECOL CONFERENCE	Geneva, Switzerland
The dominant role of taxonomy in global forests: Disentangling the major contributions to tree demography	2021
FORESTGEO SEMINAR	Online
Seeing the forest for the trees: Disentangling the contribution of species, space and time to the variability in tree vital rates	2020
FESTIVAL OF ECOLOGY CONFERENCE	Online
Matrix quality modulates habitat loss filtering across scales on bird assemblages in fragmented landscapes	2020
LABORATORY OF THEORETICAL ECOLOGY	University of Regensburg, Germany
Applications of Mixed-Effects models in Ecology	2017
LABORATORY OF LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION	University of São Paulo, Brazil

Other Professional Experiences

STUDENT'S SUPERVISION

1 Bachelor thesis	2025
THEORETICAL ECOLOGY GROUP	University of Regensburg, Germany

JURY MEMBER

1 PhD defense	2023
GRADUATE PROGRAM OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
1 PhD qualifying examination	2025
GRADUATE PROGRAM OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil

STUDENT'S COMMITTEE MEMBER

1 MSc dissertation	2022 - 2024
GRADUATE PROGRAM OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil

EDITORIAL

EcoEvoRxiv PrePrint Server	2024 - Present
PREPRINT MODERATOR	
Oecologia Australis	2020 - Present

ASSISTANT EDITOR IN STATISTICS

COMMITTEE WORK

Staff representative	2024
COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Staff representative	2022 - 2024
COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Staff representative	2015
COMMITTEE OF CULTURE AND OUTREACH OF THE INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES	University of São Paulo, Brazil

REVIEWER

Referee of 12 manuscripts for 7 peer-reviewed journals, including **Journal of Animal Ecology** (1; 2024), **Journal of Biogeography** (2; 2021,2022); **Biota Neotropical** (1; 2020); **Oecologia Australis** (3; 2014,2019,2021); **Studies of Neotropical Fauna and Environment** (1; 2018); **Mammalia** (1; 2010); **Biotemas** (2; 2010).

Referee of 1 funding project for the **Czech Science Foundation** (2024).

OTHERS

International Workshop on MetaEcology	2016
ORGANIZATIONAL WORK	University of São Paulo, Ilhabela, Brazil

Volunteering	2022
VOLUNTEER IN A PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY AT A PREPARATORY COURSE FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY (USP) THROUGH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY	Online, University of São Paulo

Affiliation in Scientific Organizations

GfÖ	2025
ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND	
ABECO	2020-2025
BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION	
SBPC	2020-2025
BRAZILIAN SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE	
BES	2020-2022
BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY	
SORTEE	2021-2025
SOCIETY FOR OPEN, RELIABLE, AND TRANSPARENT ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY	

Language skills

Portuguese	Native speaker
English	Advanced/C1
TOEFL ITP TOTAL SCORE (2022): 647 OF 677	
Spanish	Intermediate/B2
German	Intermediate/B2
B2 COURSE CERTIFICATE FROM LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY	

Computational skills

Daily	
R, RMarkdown/Quarto, Git, GitHub, Bash on MacOS/Linux servers for high-performance computing	

Oftent

QGIS, ARCGIS

Seldom

PYTHON, HTML, CSS, LATEX

Specialized training

SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS AND FIELD COURSES

Workshop: How to plan and write a competitive research grant proposal

UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG (6H)

2024

Regensburg, Germany

Workshop: Leadership Skills - What Does It Take to be a Young Leader?

UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG (6H)

2024

Regensburg, Germany

Workshop: Ace your Mental Health in Science

UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG (6H)

2024

Regensburg, Germany

IX Southern-Summer School on Mathematical Biology

ICTP-SAIFR (40H)

São Paulo, Brazil

School on Community Ecology: from principle to patterns

ICTP-SAIFR (40H)

2020

São Paulo, Brazil

Smithsonian CTFS-ForestGEO Analytical Workshop

SINGAPORE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (2 WEEKS, 104H)

Singapore

Field Course: Ecology of the Pantanal

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MATO GROSSO DO SUL (1 MONTH)

2008

Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil

Filed Course: Ecology of the Amazon Forest

INSTITUTE OF AMAZONIAN RESEARCH (INPA) (1 MONTH)

2007

Amazonas, Brazil

OTHER COURSES (GRADUATE LEVEL)

Machine learning and AI in TensorFlow and R

UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG (40H)

2020

Regensburg, Germany

Model-based multivariate analysis of abundance data using R

PR STATISTICS (40H)

2018

Glasgow, Scotland

Generalized linear models

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS, USP (120H)

2018

São Paulo, Brazil

Multivariate analysis

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS, USP (120H)

2018

São Paulo, Brazil

Time Series Analysis

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS, USP (60H)

2017

São Paulo, Brazil

English for oral presentation

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO (30H)

2017

São Paulo, Brazil

Workshop MCMC step-by-step

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (30H)

2017

São Paulo, Brazil

Mixed-Effects Models and Applications

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS, USP (120H)

2016

São Paulo, Brazil

Multivariate Analysis for Environmental Science

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2016

São Paulo, Brazil

Introduction to Exploratory Analysis and Statistical Methods

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2016

São Paulo, Brazil

Coaching and Leadership

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO (40H)

2015

São Paulo, Brazil

Software Carpentry Workshop for Python, Git and Github

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO (16H)

2015

São Paulo, Brazil

Academic Writing

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2014

São Paulo, Brazil

Bayesian Models in Ecology

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2014

São Paulo, Brazil

Statistical Models in Population Ecology

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2014

São Paulo, Brazil

Statistical Modeling for Ecology

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2014

São Paulo, Brazil

R Language for Ecological Data Analysis

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2011

São Paulo, Brazil

English for Academic Writing

INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES, USP (40H)

2011

São Paulo, Brazil

GIS for Conservation Biology

INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH (IPE) (30H)

2009

São Paulo, Brazil

