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Research Interests

I am an environmental biologist, and researcher of applied botany at the University of L'Aquila, with a background in alpine ecology, ecological modelling, and plant traits. I am working on past and present factors shaping diversity patterns and processes of plant communities (vegetation) from micro to macro scale. Focusing mostly on mountain ecosystems, my principal aim is to disentangle the role of climate, topographic and anthropogenic factors on the taxonomic, functional, and phylogenetic composition and dissimilarity of plant communities. I'm currently working on topics related to conservation biology, trying to quantify the effectiveness of protected areas in conserving biodiversity. Last but not least, since 2023, I've joined projects focused on Islands, of which some aim to investigate the ecological dynamics of plant communities in small islands.

Main research Topics

- 1) Alpine ecology;
- 2) Ecological modelling;
- 3) Conservation Biology;
- 4) Vegetation science;
- 5) Island Biogeography.

Current work position

Ricercatore a Tempo Determinato (RTD-a) - Assistant Professor

Feb 2022 - Today

University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila - Member of the research Group in Laboratory of Cartography, Ecology and Modelling (LACEMOD) - Member of the research Group in Biodiversity and Macroecology (BIOME) Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Additional information: Ricercatore a tempo determinato lettera A) C. 3 ART. 24 L. 240/2010 - Programma Operativo Nazionale "Ricerca-Innovazione" 2014-2020 (PON) risorse FSE-REACT EU DM 10 agosto 2021, n. 1062; Azione IV.6 - Contratti di ricerca su tematiche Green - D.R. Rep. n. 1049/2021 Prot. N. 119177 del 19/11/2021 - CUP D.M. 1062/2021 E15F21004400001 - Project code: DM1062_GREEN_MESVA

Qualification

Italian National Scientific Habilitation (ASN)

2nd Level - Botany - 05/BIOS-01 (ex 05/A1)

Since 02 Dec 2023

Accademic experience

Post-Doctoral fellowship

Sep 2020 – Jan 2022

Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Title: Spatio-temporal dynamics in plant communities using innovative ecological modeling techniques.

Tutor: Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Scholarship

Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Title: Monitoring and prediction of habitat conservation status using ecological modelling.

Tutor: Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Projects coordination

Unit leader and Co-PI (Co-Principal Investigator) **Prin 2022 PNRR**

Nov 2023 – ongoing

Title: Plant Biodiversity and Ecosystem Change in protected Areas: land Use impacts and Scenario Evaluation. **PI:** Prof. Francesco Maria Sabatini (University of Bologna). **D.D. n.** 1370 - 01-09-2023. **Macro-sector:** Life Sciences. **Sector:** LS8 - Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution. **Code:** P2022JM3RZ. **CUP:** E53D23013800001 **Budget:** 94.007,00 € - Competitive Research Funding -

Unit leader and Co-PI (Co-Principal Investigator) **Prin 2022**

Sep 2023 – ongoing

Title: Identification of priority sites for the conservation of terrestrial animal and plant diversity to meet European and CBD 2030 targets. **PI:** Prof. Roberto Cazzolla Gatti (University of Bologna). **D.D. n.** 739 - 29-05-2023. **Macro-sector:** Life Sciences. **Sector:** LS8 - Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution. **Code:** 2022C8E2F4. **CUP:** E53D23007530006 **Budget:** 39.000,00 € - Competitive Research Funding -

Principal investigator - University project for basic research

May 2022 – Dec 2022

Title: Understanding, predicting, and mitigating the impact of climate change consequences on high-altitude biodiversity in the central Apennines using a multitaxonic approach. **Funded by:** University of L'Aquila **Budget:** 15.000,00 €

Projects collaboration

Coordinator of the MIREN Rock - Central Apennine site

May 2024 – ongoing

Title: Mountain Invasion Research Network (MIREN) rock survey - Monitoring site Central Apennines, Italy. **Project coordinator:** Koenraad Van Meerbeek

Associate Partner of the Horizon Europe

Apr 2024 – ongoing

Title: Biodiversity Building Blocks for policy B3. **Coordinator:** Agentschap Plantentuin Meise. **DOI** 10.3030/101059592. **Funded under:** Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment. **Grant agreement ID:** 101059592.

Member of the team MIREN - La Palma site

Mar 2024 – ongoing

Title: Mountain Invasion Research Network (MIREN) - Monitoring site La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain. **Site coordinator:** Prof. Anke Jentsch

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board - TracEve

Mar 2023 – ongoing

Title: Tracing the evergreen broad-leaved species and their spread. **Coordinator:** University of Innsbruck. **Link:** <https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/projects/traceve/>

Data Contributor

Sep 2020 – ongoing

Title: SoilTemp (global database of soil and near surface microclimate time series). **Contribute:** Data from several dataloggers (<50) placed in remote areas (encompassing high elevation of the Apennines and glacier). **Coordinator:** Jonas Lembrechts. **Link:** <https://www.soiltempproject.com/>

Member Staff - Biodiversity Monitoring Plan

Aug 2020 – Apr 2021

Title: Development of a National Plan for Biodiversity Monitoring. **Coordinator:** Prof. Alessandro Chiarucci. **Founded:** Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

Member of the core team - GLORIA - ITCAM site

June 2015 – ongoing

Title: Global observation research initiative in alpine environments (GLORIA) - Monitoring site Central

Apennines ITCAM. **Site coordinator:** Prof. Angela Stanisci

Institutional Responsibilities

Member of the communication and social media commission of the Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Academic activities

IN BRIEF

Summary of the teaching activities in the last 3 AYs

- AY 2023/24 **100h** bachelor and master degrees + **10h** Ph.D. school
- AY 2022/23 **90h** bachelor and master degrees + **14h** Ph.D. school
- AY 2021/22 **32h** bachelor and master degrees + **16h** Ph.D. school

PH.D. TUTORING AND LECTURING

Ph.D. Co-supervisor

Mar 2024 – ongoing

Ph.D. candidate: Giacomo Cangelmi at the University of L'Aquila **Title:** Biodiversity and Ecosystems Change in Protected Areas. **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Ph.D. Co-supervisor

Nov 2023 – ongoing

Ph.D. candidate: Rocio Beatriz Cortes Lobos at Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna **Title:** Deep learning for modelling current and future biodiversity scenarios. **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Ph.D. Co-supervisor

Nov 2022 – ongoing

Ph.D. candidate: Lorenzo Ricci at the University of L'Aquila **Title:** The role of Protected Areas in conserving Plant Biodiversity across Europe. **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03).

Lecturer for the Ph.D. candidates of the Life and Environmental Science school; Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy. **AY:** 2021/2022 **Course title:** Data management and biostatistics (16h); **AY:** 2022/2023 **Course title:** Data management, visualization and reporting using R (14h); **AY:** 2023/2024 **Course title:** Management of Biological and Environmental Data with R (10h).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Course lecturer: **Environmental Botany** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2023-2024, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Evolutionary Botany** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2023-2024, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Bachelor degree in Biology. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Ecological Modelling** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2023-2024, **Semester:** I, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem

Management. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Management of Biological and Environmental Data with R Studio** (1CFU - 10h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2023-2024, **Semester:** I, **Degree program:** Bachelor degree in Environmental Science and Technology, optional course (AFO). **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Environmental Botany** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2022-2023, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Systematic Botany** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2022-2023, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Bachelor degree in Biology. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Management of Biological and Environmental Data with R Studio** (3CFU - 30h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2022-2023, **Semester:** I, **Degree program:** Bachelor degree in Environmental Science and Technology, optional course (AFO). **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Environmental Botany** (3CFU - 24h), **SSD:** BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03). **Accademic year:** 2021-2022, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management. **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Introduction to R** (1CFU - 8h), **SSD:** not specified **Accademic year:** 2021-2022, **Semester:** II, **Degree program:** Bachelor degree in Environmental Science and Technology, optional course (AFO). **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Introduction to R and management of environmental data** (1CFU - 8h), **SSD:** not specified **Accademic year:** 2019-2020, **Semester:** I, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management, optional course (AFO). **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Course lecturer: **Introduction to R** (1CFU - 8h), **SSD:** not specified **Accademic year:** 2018-2019, **Semester:** I, **Degree program:** Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management, optional course (AFO). **Istitution:** Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences (MESVA), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tutoring

Tutoring for practical lecture, course: **Statistical analysis and modelling - Module 2** (10h) Master degree in Science and Management of Nature. **Course lecturer:** Prof. Piero Zannini. **Accademic Year:** 2021-2022. **Semester:** I.

Tutoring for laboratory and fieldwork activities, course: **Plant Ecology** (6h) Bachelor degree in Environmental Science and Technology. **Course lecturer:** Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli. **Accademic Years:** 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020. **Semester:** II.

Tutoring for laboratory and fieldwork activities, course: **Applied Botany** (6h) Master degree in Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Management. **Course lecturer:** Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli. **Accademic Years:** 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020. **Semester:** II.

Extra-university teaching

Lecturer

Jan 2022 – May 2022

Title: Network for mycological diversity studies (ndm); **Contribute title:** Ecosystem and terrestrial habitat

Coordinator: Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA). **Link:** <https://ndm.isprambiente.it/attivita/educazione-e-formazione-ambientale/percorso-formativo-di-micologia-ambientale/>

Supervisor or co-supervisor

I have supervised or co-supervised more than **10 master's theses** and more than **20 bachelor's theses** both at the University of L'Aquila and at the University of Bologna

Terza missione

Coordinamento e supporto del Pop-Up delle Scienze Ambientali nell'evento **"Notte dei Ricercatori"** in diversi anni dal 2016 al 2023.

Supporto per il progetto **PLS (Piano Lauree Scientifiche)** del Dipartimento MESVA, attraverso incontri mirati a educare gli studenti delle scuole medie e superiori su temi legati alla biodiversità e alla sostenibilità ambientale.

Numerosi interventi a incontri ed eventi a scala locale con finalità di terza missione.

Accademic training

Ph.D. in Life and Environmental Science

Nov 2016 - Oct 2019

SSD: BIOS-01/C (ex BIO/03) **Dissertation:** 'Elevation gradient of vascular plant distribution in the Central Apennines: diversity patterns and potential impact of global change.' **Excellent cum laude**

University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Advisor: Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli;

Co-Advisor: Prof. Jean-Paul Theurillat

Dual Master's Degree in Environmental Biology

Sep 2014 - Jul 2016

Master in Environmental Biology (LM6), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy; Master in Ecosciences, Parcours Ecologie, Evolution, Biométrie, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Lyon, France.

Thesis title: 'Vegetation analysis in the permanent plots of GLORIA project in Majella National Park: a synchronic approach to identify the key species for monitoring climate change.' **110/110 cum laude.**

Advisor: Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli;

Co-Advisor: Prof. Angela Stanisci

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and technology

Sep 2011 - Jul 2014

Bachelor in Environmental Science and technology (L75), University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

Thesis title: Adattamenti morfo-fisiologici della flora d'alta quota con particolare riferimento all'endemismo Adonis distorta. **108/110.**

Advisor: Prof. Anna Rita Frattaroli;

Co-Advisor: Dott. Valter Di Cecco

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Visiting PhD Student

Nov 2017 - Dec 2017

Aims: Disentangle the patterns of species richness and composition from a set of nested vegetation plots along two elevation transects in Italy.

Spatial Ecology Lab. ECOSPAT, Department of Ecology and Evolution, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Tutor: Prof. Antoine Guisan

Alpine Plant Ecology Summer School

Jul 2018

Organized by: University of Basel and the Alpine Research Station Furka (ALPFOR).

Furka Pass, 2440 m a.s.l., Swiss central Alps, Switzerland.

Lecturer Prof. Christian Körner, Prof. Jürg Stöcklin, Prof. Jonathan Levine, Dr. Erika Hiltbrunner

Stage at the “Centre alpin de Phytogéographie”

Jul 2018

Aims: Sampling alpine vegetation. Alpine Garden “Flore-Alpe”, Champex-Lac, Switzerland.

Tutor: Prof. Jean Paul Theurillat

Traineeship at Maiella National Park

Apr 2015 - Sep 2015

Aims: Laboratory activities focused on germination ecology, ex-situ conservation, restocking and reintroduction of threatened species, seeds collection. Seeds bank and botanical garden “Michele Tenore”.

Tutor: Dott. Luciano Di Martino

Competenze professionali e tecniche

DESKTOP SKILLS

Ottima competenza nella **gestione e analisi dati**.

Ottime capacità di **visualizzazione e reporting** dei risultati.

Profonda conoscenza delle principali tipologie di **analisi statistiche applicate in ecologia**.

Approfondita esperienza nelle tecniche di **modellistica ecologica**.

Ottima **capacità di programmazione in R**, buona in Python e Julia.

Ottima conoscenza dei software GIS: **Qgis e ArcGis**.

Buone capacità di acquisizione e analisi dati satellitari: **Google Earth Engine**.

Buone capacità di analisi d'immagini: **ImageJ, Gimp, Adobe Photoshop**.

FIELD & LAB. SKILLS

Ottima capacità di **monitoraggio delle specie e comunità vegetali**.

Profonda esperienza nell'attività di **ricerca in campo**, specialmente in ambienti montani.

Ottima conoscenza nella raccolta e misurazione dei principali **plant traits**.

Ottime competenze nella gestione dei **datalogger climatici** per il monitoraggio della temperatura e umidità sia dell'aria che del suolo)

Buone conoscenze sul campionamento di **artropodi e fauna invertebrata** in generale.

Publications

BIBLIOMETRICS INDICATORS

Document: 43; **Cited by:** 917; **h-index:** 13 (Scopus)

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7th European Congress of Conservation Biology: Biodiversity positive by 2030 (ECCB) - **Di Musciano M.**, Ricci L., Sabatini F.M., Geldmann J., Frattaroli A.R., Chiarucci A. - Conservation gaps of Natura 2000 (N2K) network in preserving European Habitat: an accurate prioritization is needed. - **Speaker** - Bologna, Italy (2024-06-17 - 2024-06-21).

Orchids and tourism in the Maiella National Park (MNP) - **Di Musciano M.** - Protected Areas and Biodiversity Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing World - **Invited speaker** - Palena, Italy (2024-05-17 - 2024-05-18).

4th Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week (MPCW) - **Di Musciano M.**, Ricci L., Alessi N., Sabatini F.M., Chiarucci A., Frattaroli A.R., Di Martino L., Di Cecco V., Geldmann J. - Effectiveness of protected areas on Italian forest in the Mediterranean biogeographical region. - **Speaker** - Valencia, Spain (2023-10-23 - 2023-10-27).

4th International Conference on Community Ecology (ComEc) - **Di Musciano M.**, Ricci L., Theurillat J.P., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Frattaroli A.R. - Dynamics of mountain vegetation under global change: the microclimate role. - **Speaker** - Trieste, Italy (2023-09-20 - 2023-09-22).

65th Annual Symposium of the International Association for Vegetation Science (IAVS) - **Di Musciano M.**, Ricci L., Theurillat J.P., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Frattaroli A.R. - Soil Temperature and microtopography shape plant communities dynamic along altitudinal gradients. - **Speaker** - Coffs Harbour, Australia (2023-09-03 - 2023-09-08).

2nd Conference of Young Botanists (CYBO) - **Di Musciano M.** - **Member of the Scientific Committee; Chair** - Bozen, Italy (2023-02-09 - 2023-02-10).

Microclimate Ecology & Biogeography Conference (MEB) - **Di Musciano M.**, Ricci L., Theurillat J.P., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Frattaroli A.R. - Soil Temperature and its related variables shape species richness dynamic along an altitudinal gradient in the Central Apennines (Italy). - **Speaker** - Antwerp, Belgium (2022-08-29 - 2022-09-01).

55th Annual Symposium of the Italian Association of Vegetation Science (SISV) - **Di Musciano M.**, Calvia G., Ruggero A., Farris E., Frattaroli A.R., Bagella S. - Elevation patterns of species richness on the Mediterranean island using a published flora. - **Speaker; Member of the Scientific Committee; Member of the Organizing Committee; Secretary of the Conference** - L'Aquila, Italy (2022-06-16 - 2022-06-17).

54th Annual Symposium of the Italian Association of Vegetation Science (SISV) - **Di Musciano M.**, Theurillat J. P., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Ricci L., Zannini P., Chiarucci A., Frattaroli A.R. - Pattern and drivers of plant beta diversity along an elevational gradient of Central Apennines (Italy). - **Speaker** - Virtual Meeting (2021-09-27 - 2021-09-29).

116th Annual Symposium of the Italian Botanical Society (SBI) - **Di Musciano M.**, De Simone W., Di Cecco V., Ferella G., Frattaroli A.R. - Monitoring vegetation dynamics after wildfire events in Mediterranean mountain using satellite data. - **Speaker** - Virtual Meeting (2021-09-08 - 2021-09-10).

115th Annual Symposium of the Italian Botanical Society (SBI) - **Di Musciano M.**, Theurillat J.P., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Frattaroli A.R. - Soil Temperature and its related variables shape species richness dynamic along an altitudinal gradient in the Central Apennines (Italy). - **Speaker** - Virtual Meeting (2020-09-09 - 2020-09-11).

28th Meeting of the European Vegetation Survey (EVS) - **Di Musciano M.**, Theurillat J.P., Guisan A., Bronnimann O., Cutini M., Iocchi M., Frattaroli A.R. - Modelling vegetation composition and plant richness across spatial scales and environmental gradients in Central Apennines mountains. - **Speaker** - Madrid, Spain (2019-09-02 - 2019-09-06).

53rd Annual Symposium of the Italian Association of Vegetation Science (SISV) - **Di Musciano M.**, Di Cecco V., Ricci L., Di Martino L., Frattaroli A.R. - Dispersal ability of European vascular flora, relationship with altitudinal distribution and life-history categories. - **Speaker** - Sassari, Italy (2019-05-30 - 2019-05-31).

Workshop RIBES: contribution towards the 2020 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation targets (RIBES) - Di Cecco V., **Di Musciano M.**, D'Archivio A., Frattaroli A.R., Di Santo M., Di Martino L. - Ecoseeds - New tools for germination analysis - **Speaker** - Galbiate (Parco Monte Barro), Italy (2019-04-16 - 2019-04-17).

Plant Traits 2.0 (SBI) - **Di Musciano M.**, Stanisci A., Frate L., Di Cecco V., Di Martino L., Frattaroli A.R. - The importance of dispersal traits in mountain environment to predict changes in plant species distribution under climate warming, the case study on central Apennines GLORIA summits. - **Speaker** - Bologna, Italy (2017-02-09 - 2017-02-10).

POSTER

11th Biennial Conference of the International Biogeography Society (IBS) - **Di Musciano M.**, Santi F., Testolin R., Zannini P., Micci V., Ricci L., Guarino R., Bacchetta G., Fernández-Palacios J.M., Fois M., Kougiumoutzis K., Kunt K.B., Lucchi F., Medail F., Nikolic T., Otto R., Pasta S., Panitsa M., Proios K., Sfenthourakis S., Simaiakis S.M., Tranne C.A., Triantis K.A., Chiarucci A. - MEDIS - A Comprehensive Spatial Dataset on Mediterranean Islands for Biogeographical and Evolutionary Research - **Poster** - Prague, Czech Republic (2024-01-07 - 2024-01-11).

7th Seed Ecology Conference of the International Society for Seed Science (ISSS) - **Di Musciano M.**, Berrilli E., Frattaroli A.R., Ricci L., Di Cecco V., Di Martino L., Kaliontzopoulou A. - The evolution of plant

dispersal syndromes and seed traits: evolutionary cues and diversification - **Poster** - Gijon (Asturias), Spain (2022-09-06 - 2022-09-09).

3rd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week: from Science to Practice (MPCW) - **Di Musciano M.**, Di Cecco V., Bartolucci F., Conti F., Frattaroli A.R., Di Martino L. - Conservation strategies of threatened species should consider their dispersal ability - **Poster** - Creta, Greece (2021-09-27 - 2021-10-01).

28th Meeting of the European Vegetation Survey (EVS) - **Di Musciano M.**, Di Cecco V., Frattaroli A.R., Carranza M.L., Stanisci A., Di Martino L. - Exploring dispersion ability of high mountain species along environmental gradients. An insight in central Apennine. - **Poster** - Madrid, Spain (2019-09-02 - 2019-09-06).

112th Annual Symposium of the Italian Botanical Society (SBI) - **Di Musciano M.**, Stanisci A., Frate L., Carranza M.L., Di Cecco V., Di Martino L., Frattaroli A.R. - Nurse plant effect along mountain vertical gradients. An insight in central Apennine. - **Poster** - Parma, Italy (2017-09-20 - 2017-09-22).

51st Annual Symposium of the Italian Association of Vegetation Science (SISV) - **Di Musciano M.**, Di Cecco V., De Simone W., Ferella G., Gratani L., Catoni R., Frattaroli A.R. - Quantify ecosystems services of grassland at Campo Imperatore upland plain (Central Apennines, Italy). - **Poster** - Bologna, Italy (2017-04-20 - 2017-04-22).

Awards

Top Downloaded Article: Diversity of European habitat types is correlated with geography more than climate and human pressure **Published in:** Ecology and Evolution **Role:** First author equally contributing

B3 Hackaton winner: Team 8 - Virtual B3 - How reliability and uncertainty of biodiversity sampling affect SDM: build virtual species to cope with real problems! **Role:** Member of the winner team. **Brussels, Belgium – 2 - 3 Apr 2024**

Travel award: Annual Symposium of the International Association for Vegetation Science. **Role:** Oral communication as first author. **Coffs Harbour, Australia – 3 - 8 Sep 2023**

Travel award: Annual Conference of the Italian Botanical Society. **Role:** Poster presentation as first author. **Parma, Italy – 20 - 23 Sep 2017**

Editorial or reviewer activities

Managing Guest Editor **May 2022 - Jul 2024**
Special issue: ‘Perspectives and applications of free and open source software in ecology.’
Journal: Ecological Informatics

Review Editor in Biogeography and Macroecology **Apr 2024 - ongoing**

Journal: Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution

Reviewer for: PloS One; Journal of Biogeography; Journal of Vegetation Science; Scientific Reports, Ecological Informatics, Plant Ecology, Plant Biosystem, Community ecology, Communications earth & environment.

Languages

Italian Native Speaker

English Advanced (C1)

French Upper intermediate (B2)

Spanish Elementary (A2)

Membership to Scientific Societies

Società Botanica Italiana (SBI) - since 2016

Società Italiana di Scienze della Vegetazione (SISV) - since 2017

International Association for Vegetation Science (IAVS) - since 2021

International Biogeography Society (IBS) - since 2023

Founder member of the Society for Conservation Biology Italian Chapter (SCB Italy) - since 2022

Freelance experience

Professional collaboration to perform vegetation survey in the Sirente-Velino Regional Park **Aims:** Verifying the correspondence of the preliminary Habitat Map to refine the distribution of the Habitat Natura 2000 within the Park's boundary. **Nov 2022 - Dec 2022**

Professional collaboration to elaborate the Environmental Technical Report aimed at defining the possible effects that the activities to realize the "Bike to coast" could generate at the expense of the Regional Natural Reserves "Ripari di Giobbe". "Interventions of completion of the 'Bike to coast' – CUP 71B18000100002. **May 2023**

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