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# **Short introduction**

- Data analyst with quantitative research background.
- · Organised, curious and passionate person.
- Love turning DATA into KNOWLEDGE.

# **Experience**

### Marine ecology specialist

**FREELANCE** 

- Data cleaning and analysis for in various ecological research projects.
- Professional adviser and project coordinator for a multitude of projects, mainly focusing on creating educational and professional materials on marine ecology and conservation.

Data projects ecologist

HaMaarag - Israel's Nature Assessment Program

2020-2022

- Managed, processed, analysed and visualised ecological data to create reports for professional resrearchers and the general public.
- Analysed and processed large data sets R, SQL queries, QGIS, ArcGIS, Excel and Google Sheets.

## **Teaching assistant in BSc course**

RUPPIN ACADEMIC CENTER 2019-2022

Taught undergraduate students in intensive week-long Mediterranean Sea ecology courses

#### Nature conservation tour guide

NATURE AND PARKS AUTHORITY 2007-2019

- Guided nature-conservation oriented tours, in field trips and in classes or lectures.
- Lead long-term ecological and environmental educational projects.

Elasmobranch researcher

SHARKS IN ISRAFI 2014-2019

- Established and managed a shark and rays citizen science observation database.
- · Co-founded "Sharks in Israel" organisation.

#### **Recreational fishing surveyor**

2016-2018

NATURE AND PARKS AUTHORITY & TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

· Collected data from recreational fishermen on their fishing habits and catch to create first-ever quantitative estimates on recreational fishing extent in Israel.

Junior research assistant

GITAI YAHEL'S LAB, RUPPIN ACADEMIC CENTER

2016-2018

 Worked on various ecological project as part of the Ruppin Estuarine Coastal Observatory (RECO), where I collected samples, extracted biological and chemical indicators from them and assisted with other projects on marine ascidians.

#### Sea turtle hatching season volunteer coordinator

THE NATIONAL SEA TURTLE RESCUE CENTER, NPA

2011-2011

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## Sea turtle care taker volunteer

THE NATIONAL SEA TURTLE RESCUE CENTER, NPA

· Cleaned and fed turtles and helped when needed in medical operations. It was great fun!

#### Invasive sea star removal volunteer

EARTHCARE ST. KILDA

· While living and working in Melbourne I took part in physically removing invasive northern pacific seastar from Port Phillip bay.

**EYE OF THE WHALE** 2011-2011

• While traveling in Alaska I participated in a unique research where we recorded humpback whales in the bay of Homer, and identified the individuals. It was an amazing experiance I will never forget.

# **Education**

MSc, Ecology Tel Aviv, Is

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

2018-2020

- · Learned and practiced most of my data science skills, mainly using R, Rstudio (now 'posit') and GitHub.
- Started a Github account for our lab, initiated a Google website platform for lab's fish identification guide, gathered and cleaned our Mediterranean database and lead lab hackathons.
- Research topic: "Dynamics of fish networks along environmental gradients in the Mediterranean Sea".

BSc, Marine Sciences
Michmoret, Israel

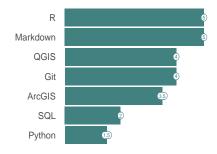
RUPPIN ACADEMIC CENTER

2014-2017

• Learned basics of research methods, including data analysis using GIS software and Microsoft Excel. My studies included a research project on the effects of fish farms in open seas.

# **Skills**

# **TECH SKILLS**



# **SOFT SKILLS**

- Organised, self-managed, reliable
- · Nice, friendly and open-minded
- · Great communication skills
- · Results oriented

Some of my work can be found here: https://linktr.ee/shirasal