

YURI SOUZA

Doctoral Student in Biology

I am a tropical Ecologist with a broad interest in community and ecosystem dynamics. My experiences range from fieldwork to statistics and data analyses. My current interest relies on understanding the dynamics above and below-ground processes and their consequences on ecosystem maintenance.

EDUCATION

- 2022
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Present
- **University of Miami (UM)**
Doctoral Student in Biology
Advisor: Dr. Amy Zanne
📍 Miami, FL, United States
- 2022
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Present
- **University of Sao Paulo (USP)**
MBA in Data Science and Analytics
Thesis: ShinyApp application as a tool for ecological data management, analyses, visualization, and decision making
📍 Piracicaba, SP, Brazil
- 2018
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2021
- **São Paulo State University (UNESP)**
Master in Ecology and Biodiversity
Thesis: Large mammalian herbivores modulate plant growth form diversity in a tropical rainforest (UNESP Libraries)
Advisor: Dr. Mauro Galetti
📍 Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
- 2013
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2016
- **São Paulo State University (UNESP)**
Bachelor in Ecology
Thesis: Uma análise de modelagem do ciclo hidrológico e impactos do aumento da concentração de CO₂ atmosférico na Amazônia (UNESP Libraries)
Advisor: Dr. David Lapola
📍 Rio Claro, SP, Brazil

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

- 2020
- **Multivariate Analysis using R**
e-MultivaR (Online)
• 22 h
• course
📍 Florianópolis, SC, Brazil
- 2020
- **Hierarchical Modelling of Species Communities with the R-package Hmsc**
University of Helsinki (Online)
• 25 h
• course
📍 Helsinki, Finland
- 2019
- **Introduction to Hierarchical Modeling**
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)
• 45 h
• course
📍 Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil
- 2019
- **Introduction of R: data management, visualization and analysis**
LaBic - UNESP
• 40 h
• course
📍 Rio Claro, SP, Brazil

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📄 Google Citations

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THEMES


- 🐾 Conervation biology
- 🌐 Community Ecology
- 🌱 Population Ecology
- ⚙️ Landscape Ecology
- 📊 Geoprocessing
- 🔍 Fieldwork
- 📚 DataScience

SKILLS

- 🔗 R (Advanced)
- 📦 tidyverse (Advanced)
- 📦 ShinyR (Intermediate)
- 📦 ArcGis (Intermediate)
- 🔗 python (Basic)
- 🔗 git (Basic)
- 📦 MySQL (Basic)




LANGUAGES

Portuguese (Native speaker)
English (Advanced)

- 2017 ● **Geographic information system in the analysis of environmental risks using ArcGIS software**
Geoprocessing with no boundaries (online) • 16 h • [course](#)  Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil




SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

- 2022 | 2024 ● **Doctoral Graduate Fellowship**
[Dean's fellowship](#) (US\$ 72.000,00)  Miami, FL, United States
University of Miami (UM)
- 2018 | 2021 ● **Master Graduate Scholarship**
Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) (BRL 48,852.54)  Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
São Paulo State University (UNESP)
Grant [#19/05538-5](#)
Title: Large mammalian herbivores modulate plant growth form diversity in a tropical rainforest
Aim: 1-Investigate how the extinction of large mammalian herbivores might affect plant growth form community by changes plant composition, interactions and diversity; 2- Address the consequences of these changes to the tropical forest
- 2016 ● **Scientific Initiation Scholarship**
Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) (BRL 7,960.00)  Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
São Paulo State University (UNESP)
Grant [#15/03759-3](#)
Title: An analysis modeling of the hydrological cycle and impacts of increased atmospheric CO2 concentration in the Amazon
Aim: 1-Validation and calibration of a water balance model using updated input data; 2- application of this model in the Amazon forest, in line with the [AmazonFACE](#) project, seeking to improve understanding of the effects of increased CO2 in the water dynamics of this biome



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 | 2022 ● **Technical Training**
Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) (BRL 13,021.60)  Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
São Paulo State University (UNESP)
Grant [#21/08509-6](#)
Title: Curatorship, processing and synthesis of seed dispersal traits of plants and animals from literature and field data
Aim: 1- Creating an online platform for plant traits data input; 2- Create a platform for [data manipulation, analysis, and visualization](#)
• 2000 h



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 | 2022 ● **Environmental consultant**
[University of Miami](#)  Miami, FL, United States
• Fieldwork collection & assistant • Plots construction
- 2018 ● **Environmental consultant**
[LaBic](#)  Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
• Landscape cover • Land use
• Mapping

- 2017 | 2018 ● **Environmental consultant**
LaBic Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
• Fieldwork assistant • Camera Trap installation
- 2017 | 2018 ● **Environmental consultant**
São Paulo State University Botucatu, SP, Brazil
• GIS tutorial • Map production



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduation
- 2014 ● **01. Fortran modelling and ArcGIS visualization**
Teacher Assistant *Graduate in Ecology and Biodiversity* Environmental Changing classes São Paulo State University (UNESP) Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
• 8 h
- Undergraduation
- 2018 ● **02. R-based statistics applied to ecology fieldwork**
Teacher Assistant *Undergraduate in Ecology* Fieldwork Ecology classes São Paulo State University (UNESP) Rio Claro, SP, Brazil
• 16 h
- 2018 ● **01. Savanna fieldwork sample design experiment**
Teacher Assistant *Undergraduate in Environmental Science* Biogeography for Environmental Management and Analysis classes Federal University of São Carlos (UFSCar) São Carlos, SP, Brazil
• 48 h



BOOKS

- **01. The Atlantic Forest History, Biodiversity, Threats and Opportunities of the Mega-diverse Forest**
Chapter: Causes and Consequences of Large-Scale Defaunation in the Atlantic Forest New York: Springer
Galetti, Mauro; Gonçalves, Fernando; Villar, Nacho; Zipparro, Valesca; Paz, Claudia; Mendes, Calebe; Lautenschlager, Lais; **Souza, Yuri**; Akkawi, Paula; Pedrosa, Felipe; Bulascoschi, Leticia; Bello, Carolina; Seva, Anaia P.; Sales, Lilian; Genes, Lusa; Abra, Fernanda; Bovendorp, Ricardo S. 2021, 297–324p, ISBN: 978-3-030-55322-7



PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 ● **06. Frugivory and seed dispersal by the Red-footed Tortoise *Chelonoidis carbonaria***
Acta Oecologica, 116: 103837
DOI: [10.1016/j.actao.2022.103837](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actao.2022.103837)
Lautenschlager, Lais; **Souza, Yuri**; Galetti, Mauro

- 2022 ● **05. Large mammalian herbivores modulate plant growth form diversity in a tropical rainforest**
Journal of Ecology, 110(04), 845-859 p
DOI: [10.1111/1365-2745.13846](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2745.13846)
Souza, Yuri; Villar, Nacho; Ziparro, Valesca; Nazareth, Sérgio; Galetti, Mauro
- 2019 ● **04. ATLANTIC MAMMALS: a data set of assemblages of medium and large-sized mammals of the Atlantic Forest of South America**
Ecology 100(10), e02785
DOI: [10.1002/ecy.2785](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.2785)
Souza, Yuri, *et al.*
- 2018 ● **03. ATLANTIC AMPHIBIANS: a data set of amphibian communities from the Atlantic Forests of South America**
Ecology 99(07), 1692-1692 p
DOI: [10.1002/ecy.2392](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.2392)
Vancine, Maurício H.; Duarte, Kauã da Silva; **De Souza, Yuri S.**; Giovanelli, João G, R.; Martins- sobrinho, Paulo M.; López, Ariel; Bovo, Rafael P.; Maffei, Fábio; Lion, Marília B.; Ribeiro Júnior, José W.; Brassaloti, R.; Da Costa, Carolina O, R.; Sawakuchi, Henrique O.; Forti, Lucas R.; Cacciali, Pier; Bertoluci, Jaime; Haddad, Célio F, B.; Ribeiro, Milton C.
- 2018 ● **02. Análise Temporal da Invasão Biológica de *Pinus sp.* em Área Úmida do Domínio Cerrado**
Brasileira de Geografia Física 11(02), 521-531 p
DOI: [10.26848/rbgf.v11.2.p521-531](https://doi.org/10.26848/rbgf.v11.2.p521-531)
Conciani, Dhemerson; **De Souza, Yuri S.**; Ruffino, Paulo H, P.; Zanchetta, Denise
- 2016 ● **01. Uma aplicação de modelagem do ciclo hidrológico e impactos do aumento da concentração de CO2 atmosférico na Amazônia**
Revista UniVap
DOI: [10.18066/revistaunivap.v22i40.477](https://doi.org/10.18066/revistaunivap.v22i40.477)
Souza, Yuri S.; Lapola, David M.