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I am a marine biologist with a keen interest in evolutionary ecology and global change biology, i.e., how climate change and human activities such as fisheries shape biological interactions and processes across various levels of organisation. I aim to solve real-life problems by identifying and understanding how processes at the individual level drive ecosystems. In my work, I combine mechanistic modelling often informed by theory with observation from the field. I enjoy thinking broadly and across disciplines and have a particular fascination for polar ecosystems and the ocean twilight zone.

Education

Research Fellow / Doctoral student (PhD)

Bergen, Norway

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Feb 2016 - Mar 2019

- Dissertation title: "Light and visual foraging in the pelagic: Opportunities and constraints along gradients of seasonality"
- Committee members: Prof. PhD Christian Jørgensen (University of Bergen), Prof. PhD Øyvind Fiksen (University of Bergen) and Associate Prof. PhD Øystein Varpe (University Centre in Svalbard).
- Opponents: Prof. PhD Michael T. Burrows (Scottish Association for Marine Science, UK), PhD Xabier Irigoien (AZTI, Spain)
- As part of the European Training Network on "Marine Management and Ecosystem Dynamics under Climate Change - MARmaED"

Bergen Summer research School: Water, Climate & Society

Bergen, Norway

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Aug 2016

ClimEco5 Summer School

Natal, Brazil

IMBER

Jun 2016

- Topic: "Towards more resilient oceans: Predicting and projecting future changes in the ocean and their impacts on human societies"

Graduate Programme Marine Biology (M.Sc.)

Bremen, Germany

FACULTY 2 BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN

Oct 2013 - Oct 2015

- Thesis title: "Feeding success in an extreme light environment: modelling seasonal prey encounter of Arctic fish"
- Committee members: Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Hagen (University of Bremen) and Associate Prof. PhD Øystein Varpe (University Centre in Svalbard)
- Final grade: Excellent

International Degree Course in Environmental and Industrial Biology (B.Sc.)

Bremen, Germany

FACULTY 5 NATURE AND ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BREMEN

Sep 2009 - Feb 2013

- Thesis title: "Morphological diversity in parr of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) in Iceland"
- Committee members: Prof. Dr. Heiko Brunken (University of Applied Sciences Bremen) and Prof. PhD Guðrún Marteinsdóttir (University of Iceland)
- Final grade: Excellent

Research experience

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Bergen, Norway

THEORETICAL ECOLOGY GROUP, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Sep 2019 - Present

- Project: "The fundamental role of mesopelagic fishes for the structure and change of Northeast Atlantic marine ecosystems", funded by the Research Council of Norway, #294819

Researcher

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

ARVEN ETTER NANSEN (NANSEN LEGACY), UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Feb 2019 - Mar 2020

- Project: "The pelagic riskscape and consequences for zooplankton size along gradients of light and sea-ice in the Barents Sea"

Research Assistant

Rostock, Germany

THUENEN INSTITUTE OF BALTIC SEA FISHERIES

Jul 2014 - Nov 2014

- Assisting during the Rügen Herring larvae survey

Working Experience

Freelance tour guide

SVALBARD WILDLIFE EXPEDITIONS AS

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

May - Jul 2015

- Guided tours on the history and wildlife of Svalbard

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

BUND, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH GERMANY

2012 -2014

- Contracted to develop and evaluate nature friendly methods of ditch clearance in FFH sites of high importance for the aquatic fauna

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

ECO SURV. HEIN - ANGEWANDTE FISCH- & GEWÄSSEROÖKOLOGIE

2013

- Contracted to assist in electro fishing surveys

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

ÖKOLOGIS UMWELTANALYSE + LANDSCHAFTSPLANUNG GMBH

2013

- Contracted to map selected breeding birds in the FFH-site Werderland

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Husum, Germany

BIOCONSULT SH GMBH & Co. KG

2009 -2011

- Contracted to assist in offshore maintenance of harbour porpoise detectors, seabird at sea counts, and radar image assessment for quantitative migratory bird counts used in environmental impact assessments

National Park Warden

Hörnum, Sylt, Germany

SCHUTZSTATION-WATTENMEER E.V., GERMANY

Oct 2008 - Jun 2009

- In fulfillment of the German Civilian Service
- Responsibilities included to oversee several scientific monitoring programs (e.g migratory bird counts and OSPAR litter monitoring), outreach and environmental education, as well as local coordination with nature conservation authorities
- Civilian service was extended by two internship periods, Aug 2008 - Sep 2008 and Jun 2009 - Aug 2009

Teaching Experience

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Guest lecturer – BIO300A Academic writing

Bergen Norway

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Nov 2020

- Title: “Visual storytelling”

Guest lecturer – SDG214 Life below water

Bergen Norway

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

May 2019

- Title: “How to design better scientific figures and posters”

Guest lecturer – BIO241 Behavioural Ecology

Bergen Norway

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

May 2019

- Title: “How to design better scientific figures and posters”

Guest lecturer – AB338 Life History Adaptations to Seasonality

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Jun 2018

- Title: “Climate-driven range shifts and life history adaptations to seasonality”

Teaching assistant – AB204 Arctic Ecology and Population Biology

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Sep 2016

- Supervised the integrated Teach2Learn module as part of bioCEED a Centre of Excellence in Biology Education

Teaching assistant – AB202 Marine Arctic Biology

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

May 2015

- Responsible for seabird at sea census techniques and fisheries data sampling

Teaching assistant – Math preparation course for BSc students

Bremen, Germany

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BREMEN

Oct 2010

WEBINARS

Visual storytelling

Virtual

DEEP: NORWEGIAN RESEARCH SCHOOL FOR DYNAMICS AND EVOLUTION OF EARTH AND PLANETS

Dec 2020

Creating good scientific posters

BIOCEED – CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGY EDUCATION

Virtual

Nov 2020

Creating good scientific posters

NANSEN LEGACY

Virtual

Oct 2020

WORKSHOPS

Introduction to data wrangling with tidyverse

NANSEN LEGACY

Virtual

Jan 2021

Academic mobility

*only stays longer than two month are listed

PhD research secondment

CENTRE FOR OCEAN LIFE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

Copenhagen, Denmark

Nov - Oct 2017

- 2 month
- Project: “Can a food systems approach redefine ecosystem-based fisheries management?”
- Visiting Ken H. Andersen

Guest Master student

DEPARTMENT OF ARTIC BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Mar - Oct 2015

- 8 month
- Project: “Feeding success in an extreme light environment: modelling seasonal prey encounter of Arctic fish”
- Visiting Øystein Varpe

Graduate Course Ecosystem-based Management of Arctic Marine Systems

DEPARTMENT OF ARTIC BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Aug - Sep 2014

- 2 month
- Final grade: Excellent

Graduate Marine and Fisheries Sciences Summer Programme

INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Reykjavík, Iceland

May - Jul 2012

- 3 month
- Courses: “Data Analysis for Scientists using R”, “Fisheries Ecology” and “Marine Mammals”
- Final grade: First class with distinction

Undergraduate research semester abroad

MARINE ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN ICELAND (MARICE), INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Reykjavík, Iceland

Jan - May 2012

- 5 month
- Project: “Impact of climate change on processes that influence survival of Atlantic cod eggs and larvae in Icelandic waters”
- Visiting Guðrún Marteinsdóttir

Undergraduate study semester abroad

INLAND NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Evenstad, Norway

Aug - Dec 2011

- 5 month
- International Degree Course Ecology and Conservation
- Courses: “Evolution”, “Conservation Biology”, “Population Dynamics” and “Practice in Wildlife Research”
- Final grade: Excellent

Awards and Honors

Best Presentation Award

ICES ANNUAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2019

Hamburg, Germany

2019

Best Poster Award

YOUMARES 7 CONFERENCE, GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH

Hamburg, Germany

2016

Student Choice and Special Mention Poster Award

IMBER CLIMEco5 SUMMER SCHOOL

Natal, Brazil

2016

MARUM Research Award for Marine Science

MARUM CENTER FOR MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- Awarded in recognition of an outstanding Masters

Bremen, Germany

2015

Best Speaker Award

YOUMARES 6 CONFERENCE, GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH

Bremen, Germany

2015

Best Student Poster

FISHERIES ECOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Reykjavík, Iceland

2011

Organisation Of Scientific Meetings

Theme session convener, ICES Annual Science Conference

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

- Session title: Biomass, biodiversity, and ecosystem services in the mesopelagic zone
- Co-conveners: Helena McMonagle (UW SAFS, USA), Peter H. Wiebe (WHOI, USA)
- Due to COVID-19 the ICES ASC 2020 has been postponed to 2021

Copenhagen, Denmark

2020

Annual meeting of the Norwegian Association of Marine Scientists

NORSK HAVFORSKERFORENING

- Part of the local organisers

Bergen, Norway

2017

Theme session convener, YOUMARES 7

GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH (DGM)

- Session title: "DEEP | DARK | COLD - frontiers in polar and deep-sea research"

Hamburg, Germany

2016

Current Memberships

- since 2017 - Norwegian Association of Marine Scientists / Norsk Havforskerforening (NHF)
- since 2015 - Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)

Research Cruises

I have participated in 9 research cruises, including one as a cruise leader, and spent in total > 50 days at sea, with some cruises lasting up to two weeks. I have worked both on research and commercial fishing vessels, in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, Icelandic waters, Norwegian coastal waters, the Barents Sea and Arctic waters up to the marginal ice zone.

Supervision

Astrid Holtan Fredriksen, MSc

MASTER THESIS

- Project: "Trophic position of myctophids in the Northeast Atlantic"

Aug 2019 - Jul 2021

Andeol Bourgouin, Msc

MASTER THESIS

- Project: "Exploring the emergent niche of Greater argentine (Argentina silus) along gradients of topography and light"

Jan 2020 - Jul 2020

Cecilie Iden Nilsen, Bsc

BIO299 RESEARCH PRACTICE IN BIOLOGY

- Project: "Developing methods for lipid extraction in mesopelagic fish"

Sep 2019 - Apr 2020

Review activities

Reviewer for *Global Change Biology*, *Conservation Physiology*, *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, *Ecological Modelling*.

Publications

*indicate equal author contributions

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Butler, W. E., Guðmundsdóttir, L., Logemann, K., **Langbehn, T.J.**, & Marteinsdóttir, G. (2020). Egg size and density estimates for three gadoids in Icelandic waters and their implications for the vertical distribution of eggs along a stratified water column. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 204(2019), 103290. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmarsys.2019.103290>

Kaartvedt, S., **Langbehn, T.J.**, & Aksnes, D. L. (2019). Enlightening the ocean's twilight zone. *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, 76(4), 803–812. <https://doi.org/10.1093/icesjms/fsz010>

Langbehn, T.J., Aksnes, D., Kaartvedt, S., Fiksen, Ø., & Jørgensen, C. (2019). Light comfort zone in a mesopelagic fish emerges from adaptive behaviour along a latitudinal gradient. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 623, 161–174. <https://doi.org/10.3354/meps13024>

Sguotti, C., Otto, S. A., Frelat, R., **Langbehn, T.J.**, Ryberg, M. P., Lindegren, M., ... Möllmann, C. (2019). Catastrophic dynamics limit Atlantic cod recovery. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 286(1898), 20182877. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2018.2877>

Geoffroy, M., Berge, J., Majaneva, S., Johnsen, G., **Langbehn, T.J.**, Cottier, F., ... Last, K. (2018). Increased occurrence of the jellyfish *Periphylla periphylla* in the European high Arctic. *Polar Biology*, 41(12), 2615–2619. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00300-018-2368-4>

Langbehn, T.J., & Varpe, Ø. (2017). Sea-ice loss boosts visual search: fish foraging and changing pelagic interactions in polar oceans. *Global Change Biology*, 23(12), 5318–5330. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.13797>

Katzenberger, J., **Langbehn, T.J.**, & Zacharias, D. (2013). Erstnachweis von *Hydrellia tarsata* (Diptera: Ephydriidae) für Bremen in Blüten von *Stratiotes aloides*. *Abhandlungen Des Naturwissenschaftlichen Vereins Zu Bremen*, 47(1), 193–195.

WORKING PAPERS UNDER REVISION OR REVIEW

in. prep. articles only listed when ready to submit

Geoffroy, M., **Langbehn, T.J.**, Priou, P., Varpe, Ø., Johnsen, G., LeBris, A., ... Berge, J. (in prep.). Pelagic fish and zooplankton avoid artificial light from scientific instruments, including red light. *Tbd.*

Langbehn, T.J., Aksnes, D. L., Kaartvedt, S., Fiksen, Ø., & Jørgensen, C. (in prep.). Poleward distribution of mesopelagic fishes is constrained by seasonality in light. *Tbd.*

Ljungström*, G., **Langbehn*, T.J.**, & Jørgensen, C. (under revision). Light and energetics at seasonal extremes limit poleward range shifts. *Nature Climate Change*.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Langbehn, T.J., & Schoenle, A. (2016). Deep | Dark | Cold - Frontiers in Polar and Deep-Sea Research. In M. Bode, C. Jessen, & V. Golz (Eds.), *Youmares 7 conference proceedings* (pp. 59–68). German Society for Marine Research, Working Group on Studies; Education, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Meeresforschung (DGM) e.V.