

# Valentin Lauret



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## research interests

My research focuses on applied biodiversity conservation, with a particular interest in interdisciplinary approaches using statistical ecology and social sciences to work with managers and public policies.

## experience

2018 - 2021 PhD Thesis

with Olivier Gimenez,  
University of Montpellier, CEFE-CNRS  
Montpellier, France

**Linking statistical ecology and social sciences to investigate bottlenose dolphin monitoring in the french Mediterranean marine protected areas network**

- Building statistical tools to integrate data from different monitoring programs about bottlenose dolphins
- Investigating social dimensions of monitoring in protected areas
- Joint work with NGOs, managers, and public agencies

2018 Jan-Jul

with Olivier Gimenez,  
University of Montpellier, CEFE-CNRS  
Montpellier, France

**Exploring adaptive management for protected areas**

- Building an adaptive monitoring framework aiming at optimizing survey effort across a network of protected areas

2017 Sept-Dec

with Beatriz Arroyo, François Mougeot, and  
Miguel Delibes-Mateos  
IREC-CSIC, Ciudad Real, Spain

**Understanding conservation conflicts associated with rodent outbreaks in Spain**

- Leading Q-methodology interviews to identify stakeholders' viewpoints and highlight shared opinions about rodent outbreaks and their management

2017 Jan-Jun MSc Thesis

with Julie Louvrier and Olivier Gimenez  
University of Montpellier, CEFE-CNRS  
Montpellier, France

**Using opportunistic and uncertain data to study wolf recolonization in France**

- Extending dynamic occupancy models to account for misidentification and include uncertain data about wolf recolonization in France

2016 Feb-Jun

with Samuel A. Cushman and Ho Yi Wan  
Rocky Mountain Research Station,  
US Forest Service, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA

**Applying multi-scale habitat suitability models to the Mexican Spotted Owl in Southwestern USA**

2015 Jun-Aug

with John Grace  
University of Edinburgh, Botanical Society  
of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland

**Building a citizen science guide of the urban flora of Scotland**

- Inventory of the urban flora of Edinburgh and writing of identification keys for citizen science

2014 Oct-Apr

with Jean Trap,  
Eco&Sols, French National Institute for  
Sustainable Development, Montpellier, France

**Optimizing phosphorus transfer from the soil to the plant exploring agro-ecological strategies**

# education

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<b>2016-2017</b> Lyon, France	Master degree in Biological sciences Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, University of Lyon
<b>2015</b> Lyon, France	Bachelor in Geosciences, Paleontology, Evolution Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, University of Lyon
<b>2012-2014</b> Montpellier, France	Preparatory classes for engineering schools Lycée Joffre
<b>2012</b> Valence, France	French high school diploma

## additional skills

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### ecological modelling and statistics

Experience with occupancy models, spatial capture, recapture, distance sampling, adaptive management, and structured decision making  
Bayesian statistics

### scientific field work experience

2019 & 2020, French Mediterranean Sea  
Bottlenose dolphins photo-identification, 3 weeks at-sea monitoring expedition including teaching to marine protected areas managers

2018, Castilla y León, Spain  
Conducting social interviews (in Spanish) with farmers, hunters, conservationists, and members of local government

2017, Arizona, USA  
Monitoring spotted owl nesting sites in Grand Canyon National Park

### computer and code

Advanced R programming  
Spatial ecology and GIS with R  
Basics of Python, Matlab  
Reproducible science and code with  
Markdown and Git  
MCMC with JAGS and NIMBLE

### languages

French, English, Spanish

### volunteering

Since 2018  
Opti-Pousse Haie, working with local communities to enhance ecological and agricultural sustainability in NW Madagascar, 2 months mission in 2018  
Analalava, Région Sofia, Madagascar

Since 2019  
Member of the Human Rights League  
Montpellier, France

# teaching experience

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2019  
INTERACT project, with MIRACETI NGO  
Nice, France

Organizing inter-professionnal working groups to identify  
bottlenose dolphin priorities in the French Mediterranean Sea

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2018-2019  
University of Montpellier

Ecology, concepts and methods  
40h/y for 2nd year Bsc students in Population biology  
Conducting experimental ecology projects, discovering  
concepts of ecology, population biology, evolution

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2018-2019  
University of Montpellier

Basics in data processing and biostatistics for biologists,  
32h/y for 1st year Msc students in Ecology and Evolution  
Initiation to statistics, R programming, linear models

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# publications

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 **R<sup>G</sup>** Available on Scholar or ResearchGate

- [in rev.] Valentin Lauret, Hélène Labach, Matthieu Authier, Olivier Gimenez, (in revision), Using single visits for integrated occupancy models to make the most of existing monitoring programs, in review, <https://doi.org/10.1101/848663>
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- [1] Valentin Lauret, Miguel Delibes-Mateos, François Mougeot, Beatriz Arroyo (2019), Understanding conservation conflicts associated with rodent outbreaks in farmland areas. *Ambio*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13280-019-01256-0>
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- [2] Julie Louvrier, Christophe Duchamp, Valentin Lauret, Eric Marboutin, Sarah Cubaynes, Rémi Choquet, Christian Miquel, Olivier Gimenez (2018), Mapping and explaining wolf recolonization in France using dynamic occupancy models and opportunistic data. *Ecography*, 41: 647-660. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.02874>
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- [3] Ho Yi Wan, Kevin McGarigal, Joseph L. Ganey, Valentin Lauret, Brad C. Timm, Samuel A. Cushman (2017), Meta-replication reveals nonstationarity in multi-scale habitat selection of Mexican Spotted Owl, *The Condor*, Volume 119, Issue 4, 1 November 2017, Pages 641–658, <https://doi.org/10.1650/CONDOR-17-32.1>
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# talks

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2019  
**World Marine Mammals Conference**  
Barcelona, Spain

Combining multiple surveys increases precision and provide  
more reliable mapping of marine mammals distribution

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2018  
**Pathways: Human Dimensions of Wildlife  
Conference**  
Goslar, Germany

Using Q-methodology for understanding conservation conflicts:  
common voles in Spanish farmlands  
Oral presentation performed by Beatriz Arroyo on my behalf  
<https://digital.csic.es/handle/10261/175502>