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Education

Masters	Aquaculture – Stirling University, Scotland, UK	2000-2001
Thesis	Developing Single Bay Management Strategies for Aquaculture in Scotland	
Bachelors	2:1 (3.25 GPA Equiv.) Marine Science – Southampton University, UK	1996-2000
Thesis	Fluxes of Dissolved Organic Carbon from Marine Sediments	

Professional Experience

Aquaculture Project Lead **2013 - Present**

New England Aquarium, Boston, MA.

- Project and corporate partner management
- Grant writing
- Interim-Chair of the Aquaculture Expert Working Group for the Global Aquaculture Sustainability Initiative (GSSI)
- Member and Consultant for the GSSI

Senior Aquaculture Specialist **2009- 2013**

New England Aquarium, Boston, MA.

- Coordinated farmed shrimp and farmed salmon aquaculture improvement projects for Ahold USA
- Developed tools and metrics for assessing aquaculture operations for environmental responsibility.
- Consulted for major seafood buyers on environmentally responsible seafood sourcing strategies, policies, and improvement strategies
- Evaluated aquaculture certification programs for content and process
- Evaluated certification programs against FAO certification guidelines
- Developed aquaculture certification through technical committee roles, Aquaculture Dialogue attendance, extensive public comments and direct negotiations leading to improvements, including the formation of GAA's Standard Oversight Committee.
- Attended aquaculture certification auditor training (GAA and GLOBALGAP) and undertook site visits and environmental assessments of aquaculture operations in Belize, Ecuador, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.
- Supported senior staff during initial meetings with potential new corporate partnerships.
- Collaborated with other eNGOs, particularly through the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions certification and data clusters.

- Intern and volunteer supervisor.

Aquaculture Specialist

2007 - 2009

New England Aquarium, Boston, MA, USA

- In-depth research and report writing on environmental impacts of aquacultured species.
- Farm assessment and improvement work with Orion Seafood International that led to a corporate partnership around an environmentally responsible farmed shrimp product.
- Produced public messaging on environmentally responsible seafood for websites, public dinners and corporate partner materials.

Technician

2006 - 2007

Marine Biotech, Beverly, Massachusetts, USA

- Acting foreman for six months, including staff and project management
- Built and installed aquatic holding systems for zebrafish and frogs used in the biomedical industry.

Intern

2005

Bar Harbor Oceanarium, Bar Harbor, Maine, USA

- Day-to-day husbandry and maintenance of an American lobster hatchery.
- Educated the public on American lobster life history and hatchery culture.

Information Officer

2002-2004

Stirling Council, Stirling, UK

- Developed information systems on MS Office.
- Managed a relief pool of support staff for nursing homes

Intern

1999

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida, USA

- Cultured algae for clam hatchery.

Additional Information

Aquaculture Certification

Global Aquaculture Alliance Salmon Technical Committee Member

2009-2011

Aquaculture Certification Council, Auditor Training Observer, Shrimp Farms, Bangkok, Thailand

2010

GLOBALGAP Train the Trainer, Aquaculture Component, Washington, DC

2009