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### Summary

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- Founded the wildlife and environment conservation organisation “Project Biodiversity” on Sal Island, Cabo Verde (2015), with a good success among the local community ([www.projectbiodiversity.org](http://www.projectbiodiversity.org)).
- Gained notorious experience in capacity building with different groups and different backgrounds, such as international volunteers, local conservationist leaders, military and police and touristic guides.
- Managed large groups of people during sea turtle nesting seasons. Groups included international volunteers, interns, community guards and field coordinators. Gained experience on setting up and managing field camps for up to 29 people.
- Advocate for nature conservation and awareness talks in schools, conferences and general public.
- Led different conservation programmes with great success.

### Education

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#### **2008-2009 MSc, Cell Biology**

*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain*

#### **2002-2008 BSc, Biology**

*Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain*

### Scientific Publications

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Publications are ordered chronologically.

1. Jacques-Olivier Laloë, Jackie Cozens, Berta Renom, Albert Taxonera & Graeme C. Hays. Conservation importance of previously undescribed sites: high abundance of loggerhead turtles nesting on an Atlantic island. *Oryx*, 2019.
2. Laloë J.-O., Cozens J., Renom B., Taxonera A. & Hays G.C. Climate change and temperature-linked hatchling mortality at a globally important sea turtle nesting site. *Global Change Biology* 23(11): 4922-4931 (2017).
3. Berta Renom, Angela Formia, Albert Taxonera, Marie Pierre Aboro, Pierre Didier Agamboue, Jean Noel Bibang Bi Nguema, François Boussamba, Emmanuel Chartrain, Brice Didier Koumba Mabert, Jacbo Nzegoue, Guy-Philippe Sounguet, Jean Churley Manfoumbi. A Loggerhead Female Turtle from the Important Rookery of Cabo Verde Recaptured in Gabon. *African Sea Turtles Newsletter* nº5: 4-6 (2015).  
*We reported the first Loggerhead turtle so far south on the west coast of Africa coming from the rookery of Cabo Verde.*
4. Laloë J.-O., Cozens J., Renom B., Taxonera A. & Hays G.C. Effects of rising temperature on the viability of an important sea turtle rookery. *Nature Climate Change* 4(6): 513-518 (2014).  
*We published the reconstruction of a 250-year incubation time-series to understand how warming temperatures will affect sea turtle population size and structure in the future.*
5. Jackie Cozens, Berta Renom, Albert Taxonera, Cheryl Sanchez, Antonio Cruz, Ravi Lopes. Nesting of green turtle *Chelonia mydas* on Sal, Cape Verde Islands, in August 2013. *Sociedad Cabo Verdiana de Zoología*, (2013).

## Working experience

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- **Field Assistant ADTMA. – SOS Tartarugas**  
CAPE VERDE June 2011 – December 2011  
Conservation of the endangered Loggerhead sea turtles in Sal Island and its nests. Participation in coordination and awareness campaigns.
- **Coordinator of the Marine turtle protection programme. ADTMA – SOS Tartarugas**  
CAPE VERDE January 2012 – December 2013  
Coordination of logistics, patrols and staff during the protection campaigns of sea turtles. Training and supervising of the field work. Liaising with authorities and stakeholders. Coordination with army during a joint protection campaign Design and run workshops and awareness activities. Eco-tourism activities with visitors.
- **Director of the marine turtle protection programme. ADTMA – SOS Tartarugas**  
CAPE VERDE January 2014 – December 2014  
Setting-up of the first field camp of Sal Island. Recruitment of staff. Capacity building and training of local and international staff. Liaising with authorities and stakeholders. Coordination with army during a joint protection campaign. Design of new graphic material. Community Manager. Project and report writing. Fundraising via eco-tourism and new sponsors.
- **Nature guide. Explore Cape Verde**  
CAPE VERDE January 2015 – June 2016  
Guided nature excursions with a high background on environment and nature.
- **Co-director. Association Project Biodiversity**  
CAPE VERDE January 2015 – present  
Director of the marine turtle protection campaign. Recruitment of staff. Implementation of new conservation projects (“Conservation of the Ospreys and Red-billed tropicbird of Sal Island”). Co-supervision of a MPA comanagement project funded by CEPF (Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund). Capacity building of local and international staff. Liaising with authorities and stakeholders. Fundraising with new partners, sponsors and visitors. Community Manager. Web designer. Project and report writing.
- **Film expedition BBC Earth “Our Blue Planet”**  
CAPE VERDE October 2017  
Collaborated with the film expedition of a team from BBC Earth. The expedition was part of the project “Our Blue Planet” that ran along Blue Planet 2. The objectives of the crew were to live broadcast the hatching of sea turtle’s nests and the film of ocean conservation stories in Sal Island. The expedition was a great success with millions of views (<https://www.facebook.com/bbcearth/videos/1785543764812505/>).
- **Coordinator of research and public engagement in Cape Verde. Queen Mary University of London**  
London (UK) October 2017 - present  
Coordination of all the research and public engagement activities that Eizaguirre Lab from Queen Mary University of London execute in Cape Verde as part of their Turtle Conservation and Research programme.

## Skills

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- **Fieldwork:** In-situ ecological surveys and collection of biometric data and biologic samples with different species, including adult and new-born sea turtles and seabirds.
- **Data analysis:** Experience in data analysis, developing and management of Databases and user knowledge of GIS software.
- **Web Design and Social Media Management:** Design and maintenance of websites with WIX ([www.projectbiodiversity.org](http://www.projectbiodiversity.org)) and Terminal4 (<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/eizaguirrelab/>) web designing tools, community manager of Project Biodiversity (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
- **Graphic Design:** user knowledge on graphic design software Photoshop and vector software Illustrator. User knowledge of video editing software.
- **Other qualifications:** PADI Dive Master, Skipper certificate for recreational boats, driving license.
- **Languages:** Spanish and Catalan as mother tongues; fluent English and Portuguese; sufficient knowledge of local Cabo Verdean Creole.

- **Diplomacy:** Experience on interacting and addressing hostile situations with community groups and poachers through negotiation and outreach.

#### Outreach and Capacity Building

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- Trained large groups of international volunteers, graduate students, local community conservationist, community guards and military. The training was specific of each group, but in general included ecology of Sea Turtles, turtle conservation technics, interaction with poachers and safety and how to conduct nature excursions among others.
- Organised and performed outreach activities for public of different backgrounds. From primary and secondary schools, general public, touristic guides, authorities, military and national police.
- Liaison with authorities, businesses and other associations.
- Organisation and delivery of workshops.

#### Coordination and Administration

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- Planning and developing projects and budgets.
- Project report writing in different languages (Spanish, English and Portuguese).
- Professional use of Microsoft Office Tools.
- Grant application writing.
- Coordination of large groups of people (up to 35 people), scheduling and problem solving. Field Camp management.
- Coordinated an online crowd-funding campaign.