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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Sep 2010 – MSc Conservation and Biodiversity (Merit Award)**
Jul 2011 University of Exeter, United Kingdom
- Nov 2002 – Post-Graduation in Sustainable Development in Coastal and Marine Biosphere Reserves of Latin America and the Caribbean**
Nov 2003 University for International Cooperation (UCI), Costa Rica
- Sep 1998 – BSc (Honours) Marine and Freshwater Biology (Upper Second Class)**
Jul 2001 University of Essex, United Kingdom

MAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2012 – Program Coordinator- Sea Turtle Conservation Program in the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Príncipe Island**
Dec 2013 Associação Tartarugas Marinhas (ATM) and Parque Natural Obô Príncipe,
- Jun 2013** **Scientific Diver** – M@rbis Campaign: Marine Biodiversity Information System Mission Structure for the Extension of the Continental Shelf (EMEPC) – Algarve, Portugal
- Jun 2009 – Field Research Coordinator - Loggerhead Sea Turtle Conservation Project**
Nov 2011 Turtle Foundation – Boa Vista, Cape Verde
- Feb 2003 – Projects Coordinator - Sea Turtle Conservation Program of the South Caribbean**
Jun 2009 WIDECAST - Costa Rica
Beach Monitoring programs at Cahuita National Park and Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge
In-Water Research Program at Cahuita National Park
- Jun 2007 – Research Assistant - Hawksbill Sea Turtle Conservation Project - Zapatillas Cays**
Jul 2007 Smithsonian Research Institute – Panama

FURTHER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Jan 2012** **Advanced Course:** *Applied Island Biogeography*. CBA, FCUL, Univ. of Lisbon – Portugal
- Jan 2011** **Field Course:** *Conservation and Biodiversity, Management and Practice*. Univ. of Exeter – Kenya
- Nov 2010** **Workshop:** *Participatory tools for the involvement of fishing community members in decision making processes*. PONG Pesca Lisboa – Portugal
- Aug 2007** **Field Course:** *In-Water Sea Turtle Monitoring*. Bermuda Aquarium and Zoo, and CCC - Bermuda
- Apr 2005** **Course:** *Planning and Management of Marine Protected Areas*. UNEP and Assoc. ANAI – Costa Rica

AWARDS

- 2014** **BIODIV –FCT Scholarships** of the PhD program in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution, CE3C
- 2011** **Archie Carr Student Award** for Best Conservation Poster “*Drivers to the illegal trade of sea turtle products in Cape Verde – Are we taking the right approach*” presented at the 32nd Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, at Huatulco, México.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- 2012** International Seminar on Climate Change and its socio-economic impacts. São Tomé and Príncipe
- 2004 - 2015** Editions 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and 32nd of the Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. International Sea Turtle Society, as well as associated Regional Meetings for Africa and Latin America
- 2006** Inter-American Convention for the Protection of Sea Turtles (IAC) in Mazatlán, Mexico. IAC Scientific Committee meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica
- 2002 - 2003** I International Meeting of Sea Turtle Experts, São Tomé and Príncipe. Inter-American Convention for the Protection of Sea Turtles, Costa Rica

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Hancock, JM;** Carvalho, H; Loloum, B; Lima, H & Oliveira, L (2015) Review of Olive Ridley nesting in São Tomé and Príncipe islands, West Africa, with a new nesting occurrence in Príncipe island. *M African Sea Turtle Newsletter* (3): 34 - 39.
- Hancock, JM;** Loloum, B; Lima, H; Carvalho, HC & L. Matos (2014) Conservation status of the sea turtles of São Tomé and Príncipe: a short step to extinction (Poster and oral presentation). In: Proc. 34th Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. New Orleans, UA..
- Hancock, JM** (2012) *Adaptation to Climate Change in coastal areas: sea turtles as umbrella species*. In: Book of Abstracts of the International Seminar on Climate Change, and its socio-economic impacts, São Tomé e Príncipe.
- Hancock, JM** (2011) *Challenges in sea turtle conservation in Portuguese speaking countries: searching for solutions in tourism*. *Ambientalmente Sustentable*, vol. I (11-12): 75 - 86.
- Hancock, JM** (2011) *Drivers to the illegal trade of sea turtle products in Cape Verde – Are we taking the right approach?* M.Sc. Thesis. Centre for Ecology and Evolution, University of Exeter, United Kingdom.
- Hancock, JM;** Teixeira, S & Godley BJ (2012) *Drivers to the illegal trade of sea turtle products in Cape Verde – Are we taking the right approach?* (Poster Presentation). In: Proc. 32st Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. Huatulco, Mexico.
- Hancock, JM;** Santos, E; Monteiro, A & Rocha, J (2011). *Saving turtles one kid at a time: The School in Nature Project* (Poster Presentation). In: Proc. 31st Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. San Diego, USA.
- Hancock, JM** (2009) *Population structure at a newly discovered feeding ground in South Caribbean coast of Costa Rica* (Oral Presentation). In: Proc. 30th Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. Brisbane, Australia.
- Hancock, JM &** Chacón, D (2007). *Presence of the Loggerhead sea turtle in Cahuita National Park, 26 years after its creation* (Poster Presentation) In: Proc. 27th Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. Myrtle Beach, USA
- Hancock, JM;** Arancibia, C & Chacón, D (2004). *Nesting of the Leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea) at Playa Negra, Puerto Viejo, southern Caribbean of Costa Rica* (Poster Presentation). In: Proc. 24th Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. San José, Costa Rica.
- Hancock, JM** (2001). *Identification of intertidal biotopes along the Colne Estuary: Factors affecting communities composition and distribution in sites of different exposure*. BSc Dissertation. University of Essex, United Kingdom.