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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2024 - 2025      **Self-employed, Montpellier - France**  
Data science consultant
- 2023 - 2024      **International Union for the Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission Shark Specialist Group, Montpellier - France (remote)**  
Postdoctoral researcher, Scientific Coordinator
- 2020 - 2023      **Marine Biodiversity Exploitation and Conservation (Joint Research Unit), Montpellier - France**  
PhD student
- 2021 - 2022      **Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (Center for the Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity), Montpellier – France**  
Research scientist
- 2019 - 2020      **Institut of Research for the Exploitation of the Sea, Sète - France**  
Research scientist
- 2017 - 2019      **National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research, Hamilton - New Zealand**  
Research assistant

**EDUCATION**

- 2020 - 2023      **University Claude Bernard Lyon I - France**  
PhD in Macroecology
- 2014 - 2016      **University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour - France**  
MSc in Dynamics of Aquatic Ecosystems
- 2012 - 2014      **University of Montpellier - France**  
BSc in Ecology and Organisms Biology

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Peer-reviewed articles
- Mouton T.L.**, Gonzalez-Pestana A., Rohner C.A., Charles R., García-Rodríguez E., Kyne P.M., Batlle-Morera A., Notarbartolo di Sciara G., Armstrong A.O. et al. (2024). "[Shortfalls in the protection of Important Shark and Ray Areas undermine shark conservation efforts in the Central and South American Pacific](#)". *Marine Policy* 171: 106448.
- Pimiento C., C. Albouy, D. Silvestro, **T. L. Mouton**, L. Velez, D. Mouillot, A. B. Judah, J. N. Griffin and F. Leprieur (2023). "[Functional diversity of sharks and rays is highly vulnerable and supported by unique species and locations worldwide](#)". *Nature Communications* 14(1): 7691.

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Stephenson F., J.E. Hewitt, L.G. Torres, **T.L. Mouton**, T. Brough, K.T. Goetz, C.J. Lundquist, A. B. MacDiarmid, J. Ellis, and R. Constantine (2021). "[Cetacean conservation planning in a global diversity hotspot: dealing with uncertainty and data deficiencies](#)". *Ecosphere* 12(7).

Stephenson F., K. Goetz, B.R. Sharp, **T.L. Mouton**, F.L. Beets, J. Roberts, A.B. MacDiarmid, R. Constantine and C.J. Lundquist (2020). "[Modelling the spatial distribution of cetaceans in New Zealand waters.](#)" *Diversity and Distributions* 26(4): 495-516.

**Mouton T.L.**, F.E. Matheson, F. Stephenson, P. D. Champion, S. Wadhwa, M.P. Hamer, A. Catlin and T. Riis (2019). "[Environmental filtering of native and non-native stream macrophyte assemblages by habitat disturbances in an agricultural landscape.](#)" *Science of The Total Environment* 659: 1370-1381.

## Scientific reports

Jabado R., P.M. Kyne, E. Garcia-Rodriguez, R. Charles, A.O. Armstrong, **T.L. Mouton**, A. Gonzales-Pestana, A. Battle-Morera, C.A. Rohner (2024). "[Western Indian Ocean: a regional compendium of Important Shark and Ray Areas.](#)" IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group.

Jabado R., E. Garcia-Rodriguez, P.M. Kyne, R. Charles, A.O. Armstrong, J. Bortoluzzi, **T.L. Mouton**, A. Gonzales-Pestana, A. Battle-Morera, C.A. Rohner, G. Notarbartolo di Sciarra (2023). "[Mediterranean and Black Seas: a regional compendium of Important Shark and Ray Areas.](#)" IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group.

Stephenson F., Goetz K., **Mouton T.L.**, Beets F., Hailes S., Roberts J., Pinkerton M., MacDiarmid A. (2020). "[Spatial distribution modelling of New Zealand cetacean species.](#)" Fisheries New Zealand. New Zealand Aquatic Environment and Biodiversity Report No. 240. 217 p.

Stephenson F, Rowden A., Anderson T., Hewitt J., Costello M., Pinkerton M., Morrison M., Clark M., Wadhwa S., **Mouton T.L.**, Lundquist C.J. (2018). "[Mapping Key Ecological Areas in the New Zealand Marine Environment: Data collation.](#)" Prepared for the Department of Conservation. November 2018.

## Press release

Biodiversity of New Zealand's Rivers. Science 'snapshot'. Conservation Section, In Focus. **NatureVolve**. Issue 12, p32.

**TALKS AND SEMINARS**

- 2024 **IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group** – Important Shark and Ray Areas Western Indian Ocean Region Workshop, Durban, South Africa  
Oral presentation
- 2023 **IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group** – Important Shark and Ray Areas Mediterranean and Black Seas Region Workshop, Thessaloniki, Greece  
Oral presentation
- 2023 **University Claude Bernard Lyon I**, Villeurbanne, France  
Oral presentation, PhD defence
- 2020 **Marine Biodiversity Exploitation and Conservation (Joint Research Unit)**, Sète, France  
PhD student talk
- 2019 **New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society Conference**, Hamilton, New Zealand  
Oral presentation

**RELEVANT SKILLS**

Languages	Native French, Fluent English, High Spanish
Data management	Collection, treatment, storage and analyses of diverse data types (e.g. data frame, raster, shapefile), skills in data processing and infrastructure workflows using R, Python, SQL and Git.
Programming	Advanced programming skills in R for data visualisation (markdown, quarto, tidyverse, package creation), statistical modelling (multivariate statistics, generalised modelling, machine learning prediction, classification and forecast) and other complementary tasks (e.g. text mining). Knowledge of web development programming (HTML, CSS, React).
GIS	Strong knowledge and use of QGIS, ArcGIS, ArcGIS Pro and Google Earth Engine for geospatial visualisation, analyses and development.
Project management	Use of notion software for remote work. Definition of objectives, tasks, timelines, coordination of deliverables, progress reporting, multidisciplinary approach from basic research to management.
Project coordination	Co-organizer of 4 international workshops involving > 250 participants, leadership experience and training, conflict resolution, multicultural and international teamwork. Communications using Slack and Mattermost.

**MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

- 2023 **Adriana Gonzales Pestana**, IUCN SSC SSG, Research assistant (1yr)  
Co-authored a manuscript published in *Marine Policy*
- 2022 **Niam Smith**, MSc student, MARBEC (6 month)  
Thesis: Effects of eutrophication on the benthic biodiversity of Mediterranean lagoons.