



Gisela Costa

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PROFILE

Motivated and dedicated professional with a strong background in seafood traceability and marine sustainability. Enthusiastic about teamwork, project management, and leveraging digital and technological tools to enhance traceability, efficiency, and environmental responsibility.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher (PhD Candidate) | Dec 2022 – Present

CESAM – Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies, University of Aveiro, Portugal

- Research for the European Sea2See Project, a European initiative developing a blockchain solution for seafood traceability.
- Managed and executed a mixed-methods research, including a systematic literature review, expert surveys, and qualitative research.
- Coordinated the development of communication materials.

Oceans and Fisheries Junior Officer | Mar 2022 – Nov 2022

WWF Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal

- Facilitated fisheries co-management processes and organized stakeholder meetings.
- Represented WWF in national forums and contributed to marine conservation projects.

Trainee “Marine Conservation through Participatory Resource Management” | Sep 2018 – Apr 2019

University of Exeter, based in Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe

- Contributed to the Omali Vida Nón project, working with local fishing communities to strengthen resource management.
- Conducted analysis of fisheries data and aided with lab analyses and used BRUV systems.



EDUCATION

PhD Student | Dec 2022 – Present

CESAM – Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies, University of Aveiro, Portugal

- Do*Mar International Doctoral Programme
- Thesis “Traceability in Small-Scale Fisheries Food Systems”

MSc Marine Science – Marine Resources | Sep 2019 – Dec 2021

ICBAS – Abel Salazar Institute of Biomedical Sciences, University of Porto, Portugal

- Thesis focused on the participatory management of the Blue Jack Mackerel small-scale fishery

BSc in Biology | Sep 2015 – Jul 2018

University of Aveiro, Portugal

- Semester abroad at the University of Joensuu, Finland

CERTIFICATES

PADI Open Water Diver course | 2020

IELTS C1 English Level | 2019

Udemy Introductory Course on Database Technologies | 2023

VOLUNTEERING

Marine SciCom: [Corrente D’Atlas](#)
2021 – Present

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