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MARÍA BELÉN BENÍTEZ CARRANCO

PERSONAL PROFILE

Passionate about the environment, and especially continental freshwater and marine resources. I have solid professional experience on France and Ecuador, I'm really adaptable because I have been working with different countries, cultures and types of institutions. I'm enjoy working in a team to achieve optimal results.

KEY SKILLS:

Teamwork
Adaptability
Proactivity
Creativity

INFORMATICS:

Microsoft Office
ARCGIS (notions), R Studio (notions),
Hydrologic modelling (HydroBid) (notions)
Website design and development (notions)

LANGUAGES:

Spanish- Native Language
French- Fluent
English- Fluent
Portuguese- Notions

HOBBIES:

Aquariology
Travels
Nature Activities (Kayak)

ECOSEAS Laboratory
« Ecology and Conservation Science
for Sustainable Seas »
Public Sector

Institute for Research on Cancer
and Aging (IRCAN)
Public Sector

CPIE Îles de Lérins et Pays d'Azur
(Permanent Center for Initiatives for the
Environment)
Associative Sector

SECRETARIAT OF WATER (SENAGUA)
Public Sector

EDUCATION

Oct. 2020
Nice-France
**Graduate Diploma - Skills and Training for Ensuring Professional Success (STEPS)-
Project Management**
University Côte d'Azur (*Diploma delivered in English*)
In progress

Sep. 2020
Nice-France
Master in Science, Conservation and Valorization of Marine Resources
University Côte d'Azur (*Diploma delivered in English*)
Thesis: Strengthening Alliances for Scientific Research. Case Studies: Associated
International Laboratory "Response of organisms and populations to environmental
stress" LIA – ROPSE and Federative Institute of Research on Marine Resources -IFR -
Marine Resources.

Jan. 2019
Quito-Ecuador
Master in Climate Change and Environmental Negotiation
Andina Simón Bolívar University (*Diploma delivered in Spanish*)
Thesis: "Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) as a tool to contribute to
adaptation of climate change in the Catamayo-Chira transboundary basin".

Sept. 2013
Quito-Ecuador
Engineer (Environment and Natural Risk Management)
Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial (*Diploma delivered in Spanish*)
Thesis sponsored by the Secretariat of Water entitled "Evaluation of Water Quality and
Risk of Contamination of the "Azucar" dam in the Summer Period".
Internal Auditor ISO 14001: 2004 Environmental Management (SGS).

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (7 years 3 months of experience)

Since Jan.2021
Nice-France
Intern – Scientific Communication Management-CLIM-ECO² Project
Tasks: Conception of the communication strategy of the CLIM-ECO² project. Creation
of scientific outreach tools (logo, flyers, poster, etc.). Management of social network
& creation of scientific communication content. Conception and creation of the
webpage of the CLIM-ECO² Project.

March- Oct. 2020
Nice-France
(8 months)
**Intern – Project Management IFR –Marine Resources– Associated International
Laboratory-LIA-ROPSE**
Tasks: Support for the animation of the Associated International Laboratory-LIA-
ROPSE and the Federative Research Institute IFR - Marine Resources. Digital
monitoring (Benchmark) of different LIA's & IFR's to identify their research axes, their
current projects and their partners (organization, laboratories). Support to
administrative and budgetary management of LIA-ROPSE. Creation of communication
supports (website, logo, flyers, workshops, etc.) for promotion of these new
collaborative research organizations.

Jan. -June 2019
Cannes-France
(6 months)
Intern attached to the Méditerranoscope aquarium
Tasks: Design of a proposal for the renovation project of the "Méditerranoscope"
Aquarium (located on Lérins Island). Studies with visitors, CPIE workers and
volunteers. Technical management of aquariums and marine species. Preparation of
pedagogical tools for the aquarium. support for the animations carried out in the
aquarium.

Feb. 2017-Jan.2018
Quito-Ecuador
(12 months)
Engineer for the Directorate of Water Quality at SENAGUA
Tasks: Participation in the writing and dissemination of regulations, national and local
strategies, national and binational protocols (with Peru) and elaboration of manuals
on water quality and its enforcement mechanisms.
Field visits and technical report on water quality and coordination with local
communities and users.

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SECRETARIAT OF WATER (SENAGUA) Public Sector

Sep. 2016 - Feb. 2017
 Quito-Ecuador
 (6 months)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (7 years 3 months of experience)

Technical Assistant to the National Sub-Secretary in charge of Social process

Tasks: Technical support and advice to the National Under-Secretary. Preparation and participation in public events.
 Technical monitoring of cross-border projects with Peru and GEF Amazonas project, development of an integrated management policy, relations with other ministries, local authorities and users.

Local project manager of the Ecuadorian National Coordination of the Project "Integrated and Sustainable Management of the Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon River Basin Considering Climate Change" (GEF-AMAZONAS)

Mar. 2014
 Sept. 2016
 Quito-Ecuador
 (30 months)

Tasks: for the Project "Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon Basin Considering Climate Change". Development, planning and operational execution of the transnational project on its components in Ecuador (national technical and financial reports, organization, technical missions, workshops, execution of research on various subjects related to water resources).

Sampling Technician

Sept. 2013 -Feb. 2014
 Quito-Ecuador
 (6 months)

Tasks: Implementation of protocols, field visits, sampling and technical reports on the subject of water quality (physico-chemical and microbiological), soil pollution and noise (isophone map).

Engineer for the Directorate of Water Quality at SENAGUA

Mar.2013 -Jul. 2013
 Quito-Ecuador
 (4 months)

Tasks: Contributions to the technical qualification of water quality monitoring with Hydrographic Demarcation technicians, in order to standardize inspection/ monitoring methodologies, the construction of databases and reporting.

Intern (Laboratory internship)

Oct. - nov.2011
 Quito-Ecuador
 (2 month)

Tasks: Application of regulatory protocols, field visits, sampling and technical reports on the subject of water quality (physico-chemical and microbiological).

Intern of the Management of Water Quality

Apr. - sept. 2011
 Quito-Ecuador
 (6 months)

Tasks: Environmental management: water quality and impacts of climate change. Analysis and legal strategies on climate change and ecological flows.

Intern of the Environmental and Refining Coordination

Jul. - Aug. 2010
 Quito-Ecuador
 (2 month)

Tasks: Follow-up of environmental audits and improvement of the database of environmental action plans.
 Préparation d'un site INTRANET avec des informations liées au changement climatique, à la gestion intégrale des ressources en eau, à la biodiversité, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Aug. 2016
 Quito-Ecuador

Co-author of the Methodological Field Guide for the Biological Monitoring of Macroinvertebrates and Ichthyofauna in the Rio Napo Basin (Ecuador-2016).

ORGANIZATION OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY (ACTO) International Organization

GRUNTEC CIA. LTDA. LABORATORY Private Sector

SECRETARIAT OF WATER (SENAGUA) Public Sector

ESIMASTER CIA LTDA. LABORATORY Private Sector

SECRETARIAT OF WATER (SENAGUA) Public Sector

PETROINDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND REFINING COORDINATION Public Sector