

CURRICULUM VITAE OF GIANLUCA SERRA

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Career History (1994-present):

<i>Date</i>	October 2020
<i>Location</i>	Home-based
<i>Institution</i>	Latvia Council of Science
<i>Position</i>	Evaluator of academic research proposals
<i>Job Description</i>	Evaluating academic research proposals focused on ecosystem ecology, with budget ranging 100,000-200,000 Euro over 3 years
<i>Date</i>	March-December 2020
<i>Location</i>	Cape Verde
<i>Institution</i>	<i>GEF UNDP and Ministry of Environment/Fisheries</i>
<i>Position</i>	Protected area consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Led a participatory process aimed at restructuring and improving institutional set and governance, centrally and locally, charged with the management of the protected area system in the country
<i>Date</i>	August 2019-January 2020
<i>Location</i>	Samoa and remotely
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) of Samoa and Samoa Conservation Society (SCS)</i>
<i>Position</i>	Endangered biodiversity consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Led an expert international workshop and national stakeholders consultations with the aim to develop a recovery plan 2020-2029 for the critically endangered Tooth-billed Pigeon (Manumea), (<i>Didunculus strigirostris</i>), endemic and national bird of Samoa
<i>Date</i>	July 2018- October 2019
<i>Location</i>	Grenada (Caribbean)
<i>Institution</i>	<i>GEF UNDP (R2R project) and Grenada's Fisheries</i>

<i>Position</i>	Protected area consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Scuba field surveys aimed at reconnoissance and to propose boundaries. Led community and stakeholders consultations with the aim to discuss and prepare three management plans for three new marine protected areas
<i>Date</i>	June 2018-February 2019
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>GEF-UNDP and MNRE</i>
<i>Position</i>	Protected area consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Led community consultations with the aim to discuss and prepare a rainforest management plan for the key biodiversity area of Falealupo
<i>Date</i>	July 2017 – December 2017
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>GEF-UNDP and MNRE</i>
<i>Position</i>	Protected area consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Led forest surveys and community consultations with the aim to discuss and prepare management plans for the key biodiversity areas of Uafato and Tiavea rainforests
<i>Date</i>	September 2016-2017
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Dept. of Environment and Conservation</i>
<i>Position</i>	Endangered biodiversity expert
<i>Job Description</i>	Led (pro-bono) review of implementation of Manumea Recovery Plan 2006-2016
<i>Date</i>	February 2017-July 2020
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Samoa Conservation Society</i>
<i>Position</i>	Endangered biodiversity expert

<i>Job Description</i>	Contribute to implementation of a key objective of Manumea Recovery Plan (2017-2027): the identification of the Manumea call in the field with the aim to establish a standard national monitoring program
<i>Date</i>	September 2016-March 2020
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Samoa Conservation Society</i>
<i>Position</i>	Protected areas expert
<i>Job Description</i>	Assisting (pro-bono) SCS and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to establish a Manumea conservation area in Malololelei forest and in the development of a concept for a project proposal related to it
<i>Date</i>	October 2015 – July 2016
<i>Location</i>	Samoa
<i>Institution</i>	<i>GEF-UNDP and MNRE</i>
<i>Position</i>	Biodiversity consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Biodiversity surveys of 4 Key Biodiversity Areas of Samoa, including Uafato-Tiavea Coastal Forest, with focus on rare species, using traditional ecological knowledge in assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
<i>Date</i>	July 2015 – Feb 2016
<i>Location</i>	Samoa, Aleipata islands
<i>Institution</i>	<i>SPREP, GEF-UNEP and MNRE</i>
<i>Position</i>	Biodiversity consultant
<i>Job Description</i>	Invasive Alien Species surveying and management in pristine rain forests of Aleipata's Marine Protected Area in assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
<i>Date</i>	March 2012 – July 2015
<i>Location</i>	Western Pacific (12 SIDS), Samoa-based
<i>Institution</i>	<i>SPREP and UNEP</i>
<i>Position</i>	GEF regional project facilitator

<i>Job Description</i>	Coordinate, implement and manage two GEF regional projects in 12 different South Pacific island countries and territories: the goal of the two projects were the management of invasive alien species (IAS) and biodiversity conservation and protected areas management. In particular, assisted the Niue's Ministry of Natural Resources to implement a 4-year workplan involving objectives such as awareness raising, prepare strategies and action plans about IAS management, capacity building, data management, policy development and strengthening, establishing a national biodiversity monitoring plan targeting the key existing protected areas etc.
<i>Date</i>	April 2011
<i>Location</i>	National Park of the Udzungwas, Tanzania
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Trento Museum of Natural Sciences</i>
<i>Position</i>	Ornithological and conservation surveyor
<i>Job Description</i>	Participated in a 9-day biodiversity conservation survey (Biorap) within the montane forests of the National Park of the Udzungwas; bird surveying
<i>Date</i>	April-May 2010
<i>Location</i>	Syria
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Italian Development Cooperation (DGCS)</i>
<i>Position</i>	Biodiversity conservation expert and institutional facilitator
<i>Job Description</i>	Facilitated and advised the negotiation between Syrian and Italian Govt. in relation to start a new full-size project in Palmyra, Syria, aimed at combining nature conservation and sustainable development
<i>Date:</i>	Nov 2007 - April 2010
<i>Location</i>	Syria, Italy
<i>Institution</i>	<i>International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</i>
<i>Position</i>	Fund raiser

<i>Job Description</i>	Successfully formulated and submitted a project proposal to DGCS. The total budget was 700,000 USD and the aim of the project was the conservation of the critically endangered N. Bald Ibis <i>Geronticus eremita</i> in the Syrian breeding and in the Ethiopian wintering quarters; a matching fund of 15,000 USD was leveraged through the Bin Zayed Foundation, United Emirates of Arabia
<i>Date:</i>	Feb - Aug 2010
<i>Location</i>	Saudi Arabia
<i>Institution</i>	<i>National Geographic Society (NGS) and IUCN</i>
<i>Position</i>	National Geographic research grantee –expedition team leader
<i>Job Description</i>	Lead two N. Bald Ibis expeditions in western Saudi Arabia while in-service training two staff from the Saudi Wildlife Authority
<i>Date:</i>	May-Sept 2008
<i>Location</i>	Damascus, Syria
<i>Institution</i>	<i>European Commission in Syria, European Union (EU)</i>
<i>Position</i>	Expert on biodiversity conservation, protected areas and ecotourism
<i>Job Description</i>	Consultancy to the Municipality Administration Modernization (MAM) Project (Med/2004/6264: Europe Aid/119822/Sv) relatively to the Palmyra region. Mapping the biodiversity hotspots in the country and develop a profile for each of them.
<i>Date:</i>	Sept 2007 – Aug 2009
<i>Location</i>	Syria, Ethiopia and Djibouti
<i>Institution</i>	<i>IUCN, DGCS, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Geographic Society</i>
<i>Position</i>	Project director
<i>Job Description</i>	Directing implementation of project “Collaborative Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity in the Palmyra Desert and in the Ethiopian Highlands”, DGCS Trust Fund /IUCN West Asia Ibis Pilot Project 76812-040. Lead N. Bald Ibis expeditions in Ethiopia and Djibouti. Developed the internationally important Ibis Protected Area through preparation of a management plan and multi-use zonation (endorsed by Presidency). Successful negotiations with international oil corporations on mitigation measures aimed at minimizing impact on biodiversity assets

Date:	Apr – Jul 2007
<i>Location</i>	Florence (Italy) - Damascus (Syria)
<i>Institution</i>	<i>IUCN West Asia</i>
<i>Position</i>	Fund raiser
<i>Job Description</i>	Successfully applied for a 160,000 USD project proposal funded by the DGCS aimed at the conservation of the critically endangered N. Bald Ibis in the Syrian breeding and in the Ethiopian wintering quarters. Funds totalling 85,000 USD were leveraged and raised locally in Damascus (Dutch and Finnish embassies) and through the National Geographic Society
Date:	Feb-May 2007
<i>Location</i>	<i>Sabkhat Al Jabbul (Aleppo, Syria)</i>
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Global Environmental Facility (GEF), International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</i>
<i>Position</i>	Biodiversity conservation expert and adviser
<i>Job Description</i>	Following extensive bird surveys (Serra <i>et al.</i> 2006), assisted the Governorate of Aleppo in developing a conservation multi-stakeholder strategic plan for the Ramsar wetland <i>sabkhat al jabbul</i> , using a full participatory approach
Date:	Feb 2006 - Jul 2007
<i>Location</i>	Palmyra (Syria) and Ethiopian highlands
<i>Institution</i>	<i>National Geographic's Research and Exploration Committee, BirdLife International (BLI), and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)</i>
<i>Position</i>	National Geographic grantee researcher, scientific adviser and field team leader
<i>Job Description</i>	Coordinated and lead the field team engaged in protecting, preparing trapping and satellite tagging three individuals of critically endangered N. Bald Ibis in the Syrian desert; preparation of a feasibility study on the "Ecotourism in the Palmyra Desert, Syria"; prepared and carried out a photo-exhibition in Damascus inaugurated by highest political circles; field surveying of the sat-tagged N. Bald Ibises at their wintering grounds on the Ethiopian central plateau, assessing potential threats in place, habitat reconnaissance; provision of conservation recommendations to Govt.

<i>Date:</i>	Jan – Feb 2007	
<i>Location</i>	Palmyra (Syria)	
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Birdlife International</i>	
<i>Position</i>	Protected Areas and biodiversity expert	
<i>Job Description</i>	Ecotourism in the Palmyra desert, Syria. A feasibility study. BirdLife International, 88 pp.	
<i>Date:</i>	Jan – Feb 2006	
<i>Location</i>	Damascus (Syria)	
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Fund for Integrated Rural Development Of Syria (FIRDOS)</i>	
<i>Position</i>	Project formulation expert	
<i>Job Description</i>	Preparation of a project proposal, and a related feasibility study, aimed at combining biodiversity conservation and rural sustainable development, titled “Improving the living conditions of mobile indigenous people of Syrian arid steppe land through sustainable development and nature conservation”	
<i>Date:</i>	Aug - Sept 2005	
<i>Location</i>	Florence (Italy)	
<i>Institution</i>	<i>European Commission, EU</i>	
<i>Position</i>	Assistant project evaluator	
<i>Job Description</i>	Evaluation of grant proposals submitted to EU in response to call for proposals title “Co-financing with European development NGOs actions in development countries” (2004)	
<i>Date:</i>	Jan 2004 – Oct 2005	
<i>Location</i>	Palmyra and Damascus (Syria), Florence (Italy), Cambridge (UK)	
<i>Institution</i>	<i>BLI and RSPB</i>	
<i>Position</i>	Technical adviser on critically endangered N. Bald Ibis	
<i>Job Description</i>	Advised on preparation of a viable protection and conservation program for the critically endangered N. Bald Ibis in Syria; program development, project proposal preparation, advocacy and institutional facilitation; assistance in preparation of international action plan	
<i>Date:</i>	Jan – Sept 2004	

<i>Location</i>	Fir-Cedar Reserve, Northern <i>Alawite</i> mountain range (Syria)
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Arca Consulting, GEF, World Bank</i>
<i>Position</i>	Biodiversity conservation expert
<i>Job Description</i>	Implementation of project SY-GE-57109. Fauna inventorying, capacity building of reserve rangers and guards in detecting, identifying and monitoring fauna, raising awareness and conservation education of local school children, preparing management plan of the protected area and building its staff cadre.
<i>Date:</i>	Apr 2000 – Jun 2004
<i>Location</i>	<i>Al Talila</i> Nature Reserve, Palmyra (Syria)
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and DGCS (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</i>
<i>Position</i>	UN associate professional officer (Wildlife and Protected Area Management)
<i>Job Description</i>	Implementation project GCP/SYR/009/ITA. Biodiversity inventorying, surveying and monitoring; searching rare and threatened wildlife using local traditional knowledge; addressing threats and conservation issues; preparing local red lists, recommendations, action plans and protected area management plans (through a participatory approach); in-service training Govt. staff and locals, provision of guidelines about protected area staff cadre and institutional development, conservation advocacy, involving and benefiting local indigenous communities; planning responsible eco-tourism and alternative income; raising public awareness and preparing conservation education material; scientific and technical reporting; staff coordination; assistance in project management
<i>Date:</i>	Apr 1999 – Mar 2000
<i>Location</i>	Marine National Park of the Tuscany Archipelago, Italy
<i>Institution</i>	<i>Italian National Institute for Wildlife Conservation (INFS) and EU</i>
<i>Position</i>	Post-doc conservation researcher (2-year appointment)

<i>Job Description</i>	Implementation of EU project LIFE97NAT/IT/4153 aimed at the monitoring, conservation and management of insular bird species. Intensive experience in designing and implementing bird surveying and monitoring programs, and in GPS/GIS mapping and spatial analysis; upon request of the Environment Ministry, drafted, discussed with stakeholders and produced the “National Action Plan for the Audouin’s Gull (<i>Larus audouinii</i>)”, a threatened species according to the EU
<i>Date:</i>	Sept 1997 – Sept 1998
<i>Location</i>	Hopland Field Research Station of California University (Mendocino Co., CA) and Grey Davis Dye Creek Preserve of the Nature Conservancy (Northern Sierra Nevada mountain range, CA), USA
<i>Institution</i>	<i>University of California at Berkeley and US Fish and Wildlife Service</i>
<i>Position</i>	Post-doc conservation researcher (1-year appointment)
<i>Job Description</i>	Human-predators conflict resolution; surveying and monitoring populations of mid- and large-sized carnivores using non-invasive techniques in the framework of a federal program aimed at managing and controlling predators; intensive experience in camera trapping, mark-resight statistical models, power analysis, GPS navigation and mapping, GIS spatial analysis, live trapping and animal handling, radio-telemetry
<i>Date</i>	May 1994 – Jun 1997
<i>Location</i>	Marine Preserve “Estacion Costera de Investigaciones Marinas” (Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile), ceentral Pacific coast, Chile
<i>Institution</i>	<i>University of Florence and EU</i>
<i>Position</i>	Ph.D behavioural ecology researcher
<i>Job Description</i>	Researched the behavioural ecology of two marine invertebrate species of national conservation concern (one of them an endemic species). Exposition to and experience in community-based conservation and management, through supervision of Prof J.C. Castilla

Language Skills: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
English	1	1	1
Spanish	1	1-2	2
French	3	0	0
Portuguese	3	0	0
Arabic	5	5	5
Italian	Mother tongue		

Experience by Country:

Cabo Verde, Latvia 2020

Grenada, Caribbean 2018-2019

Pacific Island Countries & Territories 2012-2019

Ethiopia, Tanzania 2006-11 (non continuos)

Syria 2000-2004

Syria 2005-2011 (non continuos)

Italy 1999-2000

USA (CA) 1997-98

Chile 1994-97

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