



## Marine Biologist

# Joyce Laster

### Professional summary

Passionate Marine Biologist with a strong background in marine ecology, conservation, and research seeking opportunities to contribute expertise and drive advancements in marine science and conservation efforts.

### Experience

#### Stay-at-Home Mom

2021 - 2024

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Engaged in activities to promote environmental awareness and appreciation for marine life, including educational outings to aquariums, beach clean-ups, and nature walks.
- Stayed informed about current developments and research in marine biology through reading scientific literature and participating in online courses and webinars during spare time.

#### Marine Biologist

2016 - 2021

Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute / Monterey, CA

- Led research projects on marine biodiversity, including species inventories and habitat mapping.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to develop conservation strategies for marine protected areas.
- Conducted environmental impact assessments for coastal development projects.

#### Research Assistant

2014 - 2016

Scripps Institution of Oceanography / Santa Barbara, CA

- Assisted in field and laboratory research activities, including sample collection, data analysis, and report writing.
- Managed laboratory equipment and maintained laboratory safety protocols.
- Contributed to grant writing and research proposal development.

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### Education

#### Ph.D. in Marine Biology

2018 - 2023

University of California, Santa Cruz

#### Master of Science in Marine Biology

2016 - 2018

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Honolulu, HI

#### Bachelor of Science in Biology (Marine Emphasis)

2012 - 2016

University of California, Santa Barbara

### Skills

Microscopy

Data Analysis

Field Research

Specimen Collection

Taxonomy

Marine Biology

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)