



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

HOST INSTITUTION

MARE-NOVA, NOVA School of Science and Technology, NOVA University Lisbon

RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Environmental Risk

Technological Tools for Exploration and Monitoring

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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Carlos David Santos

NOVA School of Science and Technology

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Education

PhD, Ecology, University of Lisbon, 2009

BSc, Biology, University of Lisbon, 2001

Academic appointments

2023-present: Assistant Professor. Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

2014-present: Affiliated Scientist. Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior

2021-2023: Researcher. Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa.

2017-2022: Assistant Professor. NTPC, Federal University of Pará.

2014-2017: Visiting Professor. Biology Dept. Federal University of Maranhão

2010-2014: Post-doctoral fellow. Max Planck Institute for Ornithology

Academic quantitative indicators

Peer-reviewed articles: 41

WOS citations: 794

WOS h-index: 17

Students Supervised: 22

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Nourani, E., Safi, K., de Grissac, S., Anderson, D.J., Cole, N.C., Fell, A., Grémillet, D., Lerma, M., McKee, J. L., Pichegru, L., Provost, P., Rattenborg, N.C., Ryan, P.G., **Santos, C.D.**, Schoombie, S., Tatayah, V., Weimerskirch, H., Wikelski, M., Shepard, E.L.C. (2023). Seabird morphology determines operational wind speeds, tolerable maxima and responses to extremes. *Current Biology* 33: p1179–1184.e3. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2023.01.068>
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- Catry, T., Ventura, F., Dias, M., **Santos, C.D.**, Martins, R., Palmeirim, J., Granadeiro, J.P. (2021) Estimating the conservation cost of the projected new international Lisbon airport for migratory shorebirds of the Tagus estuary, Portugal. *Bird Conservation International*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0959270921000125>
- Costa, T.D., **Santos, C.D.**, Rainho, A., Abedi-Lartey, M., Fahr, J., Wikelski, M., Dechmann, D.K.N. (2020) Assessing roost disturbance of straw-coloured fruit bats (*Eidolon helvum*) through tri-axial acceleration. *Plos One*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0242662>.
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- Gudka, M., **Santos, C.D.**, Dolman, P.M., Abad-Gómez, J.M., Silva, J.P. (2019) Feeling the heat: Elevated temperature affects male display activity of a lekking grassland bird. *Plos One*, 14, e0221999. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0221999>
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- Veríssimo, A., Gante, H., **Santos, C.D.**, Cheoo, G., Oliveira, J., Cereja, R., Ribeiro, F. (2018) Distribution and demography of the critically endangered Lisbon arched-mouth nase, *Iberochondrostoma olisiponense*. *Fishes in Mediterranean Environments*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.29094/FISHMED.2018.002>
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- Pereira, M.J.R., Marques, J.T., Santana, J., **Santos, C.D.**, Valsecchi, J., de Queiroz, H.L., Beja, P., Palmeirim, J.M. (2009) Structuring of Amazonian bat assemblages: the roles of flooding patterns and floodwater nutrient load. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 78, 1163-1171. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2656.2009.01591.x>
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- Granadeiro, J.P., **Santos, C.D.**, Dias, M.P., Palmeirim, J.M. (2007) Environmental factors drive habitat partitioning in birds feeding in intertidal flats: implications for conservation. *Hydrobiologia*, 587, 291-302. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10750-007-0692-8>
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Research grants

2020-present: Applying new bio-logging and analytical tools to study the movement ecology and conservation of birds in the Caatinga biome, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (Brasil) grant 2018/19389-9. Role: Co-I. Funding: R\$300,632 + \$229,796

2019-present: Bird telemetry monitoring to evaluate loss of habitat in mining area in the northeastern Amazon, Norsk Hydro Brasil Role: Co-I. Funding: R\$390,225

2018-2022: ENVMETAGENOMICS - eDNA: from rare species detection to whole-community diversity using high-throughput sequencing, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal) grant 031644-02/SAICT/2017. Role: Co-I. Funding: €239,955.

2018-2019: Optimizing conservation outcomes and investments for semipalmated sandpiper using full life cycle migratory network models, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Role: Co-I. Funding: \$207,000

2015-2017: The mechanisms of social navigation in Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*, FAPEMA (Brazil) grant 00060/15. Role: PI. Funding: R\$38,599.

2015-2016: Evaluation of population trends and genetic diversity of the critically endangered Lisbon Arched-mouth Nase *Iberochondrostoma olisiponensis*, Mohamed Bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund. Role: Co-I. Funding: \$12,000.

2012-2016: The gateway to Africa: How do soaring birds overcome the Strait of Gibraltar? Max Planck Institute for Ornithology (Germany). Role: PI. Funding: €10,000.

2008-2012: Migra-Tagis - Wintering and migrating shorebirds as indicators of the quality of estuarine environments, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal) grant PTDC/MAR/66319/2006. Role: Co-I. Funding: €163,000

2007-2009: Spatial variation in Amazonian bat and bird assemblages under contrasting flooding regimes: implications for nature reserve management, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal) grant POCI/BIA-BDE/60710/2004. Role: Co-I. Funding: €50,000

2003-2006: Pred-Tagis - Birds as predators of invertebrates in intertidal habitats: role in estuarine environments and scale-dependent processes, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal) grant POCTI/BSE/47569/2002. Role: Co-I. Funding: €63,000

2000-2004: Sat-Tagis - Modelling the habitats of primary producers, invertebrates and birds in intertidal flats of the Tagus estuary, using satellite images and GIS, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal) grant POCTI/BSE/47569/2002. Role: Co-I. Funding: €360,000

5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Merchant, D., Lathrop, R.G., **Santos, C.D.**, Paludo, D., Niles, L., Smith, J.A.M., Feigin, S., Dey, A. (2023). Distribution Modeling and Gap Analysis of Shorebird Conservation in Northern Brazil. Remote Sensing. 15: 452. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs15020452>

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PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

Tracing the consequences of sea level rise on Amazon coastal wetlands

Sea level rise is among the most dramatic consequences of global warming. Over the last three decades sea level has increased at a rate of 3.3 mm per year and showing signs of acceleration. While coastal defences, such as dikes, embankments and sea walls may help to mitigate the consequences of sea level rise on coastal cities and other populated areas, large remote coastal areas are expected to suffer major transformations with important environmental and socioeconomic impacts. Coastal erosion and saltwater intrusion are among the most important and immediate effects of sea level rise on unprotected coastal areas. The Amazon River delta comprises among the most extensive conserved wetlands in the world. This region holds an exuberant biodiversity, with unique wetland habitats, the largest continuous mangrove forest in the world, large populations of waterbirds and 40 threatened vertebrate species, and it is a world's hotspot of peat soils, stocking large amounts of carbon. However, this region is highly vulnerable to sea level rise due to its low elevation. Evidence of large-scale saltwater intrusion have been documented and associated to drastic transformations of freshwater wetlands and biodiversity loss. Coastal erosion has been persistent over the last decades, possibly with relevant impacts on carbon stocks. This project aims to (1) quantify environmental transformations caused by coastal erosion and saltwater intrusion in Amazon coastal wetlands over the last four decades; (2) understand how these transformations are propagating in wetland ecosystems and impacting carbon stocks; (3) develop methods for the monitoring of environmental changes and ecosystem responses of coastal areas in large remote regions. Historical changes of coastal erosion and saltwater intrusion will be quantified from time-series analysis of Landsat imagery and new algorithms will be developed for Sentinel multispectral and radar data to identify tidal surges. Waterbird responses to environmental changes will be investigated from population data of long-term aerial surveys and through the monitoring of bird movement using state-of-the-art telemetry. The impacts of environmental changes on benthic macroinvertebrates and carbon stocks will be evaluated from field inventories combined with remote sensing inference. This project relies on ongoing collaborations with the Audubon Society and AQUASIS, for waterbird aerial surveys and fieldwork; the University of East Anglia, for bird GPS telemetry; and the State University of Maranhão for blue carbon quantification and benthic macroinvertebrates identification.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Environment and Geosciences (ENV) or Life Sciences (LIF)

***Scientific Area where the project fits best** – Please select/indicate the scientific area according to the panel evaluation areas: Chemistry (CHE) • Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) • Economic Sciences (ECO) • Information Science and Engineering (ENG) • Environment and Geosciences (ENV) • Life Sciences (LIF) • Mathematics (MAT) • Physics (PHY)