



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>
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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

Santos, C.D., Ramesh, H., Ferraz, R., Franco, A.M.A., Wikelski, M. (2022). Factors influencing wind turbine avoidance behaviour of a migrating soaring bird. *Scientific Reports* 12, 6441. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-10295-9>.

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PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

Mapping sensitivity of soaring birds to wind energy development

Wind energy production has expanded globally in order to reduce the dependence of carbon emitting fossil fuels and mitigate climate change. However, such expansion came at the cost of considerable impacts on wildlife, arising from collisions with turbines and loss of habitat, raising concerns on its sustainability. This paradox has brought together conservationists and wind energy developers seeking for solutions to minimize conflicts between wind power development and wildlife. Soaring birds are among the groups suffering the highest impacts because their flight behaviour makes them prone to collide with turbines and their low fecundity limits their capacity to out-balance this additional source of mortality. These birds rely on uplift (raising air currents) to travel across long distances at low energetic costs. Recent advances in research have made possible to map uplift and predict the movement of soaring birds across the landscape. However, studies developed so far did not try to upscale predictive models of soaring birds' movement to a global range, although the information needed to map uplift globally is already available. Mapping the movement of soaring birds in a global scale and with high spatial discrimination would be key to support the development of wind energy with reduced conservation costs for this group of birds. This project will integrate methods of Movement Ecology, Remote Sensing and Computer Science, and will ensemble large collections of satellite imagery, animal tracking data and atmospheric data to deliver empirically supported algorithms to predict movement corridors of soaring birds in a global scale. We will deliver those results to wind energy developers and conservationists through a web platform designed for non-academic users. We expect this tool to become part of a standard protocol in environmental impact assessments for new wind energy developments across the world, particularly in critical areas for soaring bird migration.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

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)