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## Valentina Cafaro, PhD students in Marine Ecology

### Education

Nov 2015 – present **Università degli Studi della Tuscia**

Ph.D. students, Marine Ecology

Viterbo, Italy

2011 – 2014 **Università degli Studi della Tuscia**

Master Degree in Nature Conservation

Viterbo, Italy

2008 – 2011 **Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"**

Bachelor Degree in Biological Science

Roma, Italy

### Professional Experience

### Selected Research Project

Title	Start-End	Total Budget	Organization Assigned by	Brief project description	Duties/Role in the specific project
<b>PROMETEOS</b>	2011 -	200 K€	IUCN – Mava Foundation	Study on Seamount effect in aggregating cetaceans and other pelagic top predators	<i>Marine Mammals Observ (MMO). Visual and acoustic survey and data analysis.</i>
<i>PROtection of the MEDiterranean Open Seas Contributing to the establishment of Marine Protected Areas over offshore seamounts and submarine canyons</i>	2014				

### Skills & Activities

**Skills** Cetaceans, Marine Mammal Research, Conservation, Marine Biology, Bioacoustics, Photo-id, species distribution modeling, Geostatistics, GIS, Sampling techniques and Statistical sampling design

*Languages* Italian, English

*Scientific Memberships* Associazione Me.Ri.S. Mediterraneo Ricerca e Sviluppo (*Scientific Collaborator*)

European Cetacean Society

## Selected Publication

### Journal Publications

Valentina Cafaro, Dario Angeletti, Bruno Bellisario, Armando Macali, Claudio Carere, Jessica Alessi:

*Habitat overlap between bottlenose dolphins and seabirds: a pilot study to identify high-presence coastal areas in the Tyrrhenian Sea.* Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the UK 08/2015;

DOI:10.1017/S0025315415001447

### Conference Proceedings

Valentina Cafaro, Dario Angeletti, Bruno Bellisario, Armando Macali, Claudio Carere, Jessica Alessi: :

*Identification of potential SACs through the presence of seabirds and bottlenose dolphin in Central Tyrrhenian coast (Italy, Mediterranean Sea).* 29th Annual Conference of European Cetacean Society, St Julian, Malta; 03/2015 .