



# Sophie Martel

## Master's Thesis:

From Orca Sightings to "Interactions": Socio-Ecological System Analysis of Human-Wildlife Conflict Across the Iberian Peninsula

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## INFORMATION

**Nationality - French**

**30/10/1991**

Speaks fluently

**English, French, Italian**

Speaks moderately

**Chinese, Spanish**

## QUALIFICATIONS

**STCW** Basic Safety Training for working on ship - valid internationally until 2028

**Crowd & Crisis Management**  
Passenger vessel training

**First Aid Responder** - Red Cross Iceland 2023

**Divemaster PADI Pro**

**Diving specialities** - NITROX, deep, shipwreck, navigation, thresher shark diving, reef check, project AWARE

**R studio & MAXQDA**

## EDUCATION

### Master's Degree in Coastal & Marine Management (NRM)

University Centre of the Westfjords, Iceland

2022-2024

- Courses on Marine Ecology with Dr. Filipa Samarra, Oceanography, MPA management, MSP, Coastal Processes, Data Analysis
- Course on Marine Mammal ID methods at the Research Center of Husavik with Dr. Charla Basran and Dr. Marianne Rasmussen (acoustics, photo ID, land-based observations, tracking and behaviour monitoring)
- Collaborator on the Project Blue Whales of Skjalfandi Bay ID Catalogue 2020-2023 with Husavik Research Center

### Bachelor Degree in International Business Management

ESTICE Business School, France / College of Charleston, USA

2012-2014

### Bachelor Degree in English Linguistics & Literature

University of Lille III, France / Nottingham Trent University, UK

2009-2012

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Researcher & Project Coordinator** for the Orcas and Boats in Iberian and Nearby Waters: Human-Wildlife Conflict & Coexistence Project

Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland

Current

### Whale Watching Guide

North Sailing, Husavik, Iceland

Summer 2023

### European Project Manager

Materahub, Italy

2020-2023

### Dive Guide & Dive Center Manager

Malapascua Exotic Island Dive Resort, Philippines - Manager & Dive Guide  
EcoDivers Tioman, Malaysia - Divemaster training

2019-2020

### ESL Teacher & Academic Supervisor

I2 International Institute of Education, Chengdu, China

2014-2019

## INTERNSHIPS

**Marine Mammal Research, BDRI, Spain**

Sept 2023

**Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Cairns, Australia**

August 2018

**Environmental Education & Outreach, Costa Rica**

Summer 2013