

# Adam Hicks

## Personal information

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## Personal profile

Biologist with over Four years' experience in various fields. Species survey experience in the UK and overseas both in marine and terrestrial capacities. Experience in community engagement programmes and wildlife conservation engagement including marine debris and why it matters. My goal is to gain further expertise in marine wildlife conservation to thereby allow me to make a substantial difference in this important area.

## Work experience

### **FPCR consultants UK April to August 2019**

In my role here, I carried out protected species surveys and worked independently and well as part of a team at times to perform a number of ecological surveys and assessments all over the UK. My surveys here focused on protected species and included investigations of great crested newts, badgers, bats, and reptiles. And my role required teamwork, as well understanding of current ecological legislation and species identification.

### **July to September 2018**

#### **Scuba Junkie Shark Education Awareness Survival (SEAS) Intern, Mabul, Malaysia**

In my conservation role in Pulau Mabul, Malaysia I developed more knowledge about current local marine issues. My projects included helping to conducting marine surveys on turtles and sharks, as well as running coral regeneration projects and helping to design conservation presentations. We specifically focused on marine debris, and conducted reef and beach cleans in order to help protect the marine environment adjacent to the island. We also focused on community engagement programmes including waste management assistance and education programmes to promote sustainability on the island. An element of this was providing instruction on how to construct and utilize Eco bricks. By performance of the surveys this position provided me with the opportunity to develop my skills with keys used for marine identification. Furthermore, the position also allowed me to improve my teamwork and networking skills which was essential to try and make a difference on the island.

### **May 2016 to February 2018**

#### **Delta-Simons Environmental Consultants UK**

In my role as Seasonal and then Graduate Ecologist at Delta-Simons, I worked independently and as part of a team at times to perform a number of ecological surveys and assessments all over the UK. My surveys focused on protected species and included investigations of great crested newts, water voles, badgers, bats, and reptiles. In addition, I performed Preliminary Ecological Assessments, as well as various translocation projects and a number of invasive species surveys. In my role at Delta Simons I further developed teamwork and networking skills. This role also provided me with opportunities to acquire substantial understanding of current ecological legislation, whilst continuing to build up my key ecology skills.

### **June 2015 to August 2015**

## **Operation Wallacea dissertation volunteer**

I conducted field research on Herpetofauna in Cusuco national park, Honduras for my dissertation project. I learned important survey skills regarding amphibian and reptile surveys including daylight transects and night spotlight surveys. Other responsibilities included surveying chytrid infected anurans and identifying other Herpetofauna.

## **Education and qualifications**

**September 2019-Current**      **University of British Columbia**  
MSC student in Oceans and Fisheries

**2013-2016**                      **Oxford Brookes University**  
BSc (Hons) Environmental Science 2:1

Modules included: geographic information systems, environmental consultancy, advanced topics in wildlife conservation, field Course surveys and licensing, environmental change field-work and research.

Dissertation: Determining the likely impact of climate change temperature variations and Chytrid fungus on amphibian species distributions in Cusuco National Park, Honduras, using predicted climate change data and maximum entropy species distributions.

**2011-2013**                      **Lincoln College, Lincoln**  
A-levels: Geography, History, Biology.

**2005-2010**                      **Lincoln Minister school, Lincoln**  
GCSEs: 8 subjects, including English and Maths.

## **Additional skills and achievements**

CL08 Class Licence in Great Crested Newts Survey Level 1, Certification Authority: Natural England  
License Number: 2016-27019-CLS-CLS.

PADI Divemaster: Adam Hicks, #420847 Malaysia Reef Check certified, Emergency first responder certified

Graduate member of Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)

## **IT skills**

High proficiency with all Microsoft office programmes in addition to practical experience using R studio programme. Introductory experience with use of ARCGIS.

## **Interests and hobbies**

Extremely interested in both terrestrial and marine conservation both in the United Kingdom and abroad. My particular interests include the International Wildlife trade as well as Marine debris issues. I also enjoy hiking and skiing as they allow me to see the natural world.

## **References**

**David McCann Conservation Manager at Scuba Junkie SEAS in Mabul, Malaysia.**

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