



What did you do at the Lighthouse ?

In 2019 I spent a month and a half volunteering at the Lighthouse Field Station. Mostly I helped with the bottlenose dolphin photo-ID project by grading the picture quality and joining in on the weekly boat surveys. I made myself available for any other type of activity to get the most out of this amazing experience. For example, I helped setting up some acoustic equipment and I joined the seal photo-ID surveys. Towards the end of my visit, I analysed seal telemetry data which I used in my honours dissertation “Assessing variation in harbour seal area-restricted search behaviours in relation to sex, body size and environmental variables”.

What are you doing now ?

I am currently a student of the IMBRSea (International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources) Masters. I will be focusing my studies on Experimental Marine Ecology through the study of species interactions and marine food webs in response to a changing marine environment due to climate change. I will also be studying Megafauna Conservation, learning more about acoustic data, distribution modelling and population assessment techniques. I plan to collaborate with a professor at Deakin University to analyse and learn more about cetacean distribution in Australia through the use of photo-ID and telemetry data.

What advice would you give someone who wants to follow in your footsteps ?

My advice would be to just go for it and not be afraid of new and diverse experiences. The path to our achievements is full of ups and downs and it is absolutely not straight. Every person I know and admire in my field such as researchers, professors, research assistants, and so on, told me crazy and different stories of how they got where they are. Even starting from a completely different degree. We need more faith in ourselves, have people around us who help us grow and we must take all the opportunities life gives us.



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