

Plymouth-based marine socio-ecologist and photographer with a passion for community-led ocean stewardship.

## Professional Qualifications:

2018 National Geographic Explorer


RYA Powerboat 2; VHF License; DBS Check; STCW 95 Sea Survival; Outdoor and Emergency at Work First Aid; Full Driver's Licence

## Key Areas of Work:

Coastal Ecology 

Collaboration & Partnership 

Outreach & Engagement 

International Policy 

## Skills:

**Administrative:** MS Office, WordPress, CRM, Google Suite, Zoom, Teams, risk registers

**Creative and Collaborative:** Darktable, Adobe Rush, Miro, Trello, Canva

**Qualitative:** Interviews, focus groups, workshops, photography, inductive and deductive coding

**Quantitative:** R, MATLAB, PRIMER 6, ArcGIS, Caris HIPS and SIPS, WinRiver

## Employment & Projects

**2020 - Present: Tamar Coastal**, Independent Consultancy

- Indigenous and Local Engagement Framework, *Consultant, UN Ocean Decade* (2024 - Present)
- Indigenous-led Dialogue at UN Ocean Conference, *Facilitator, UN Ocean Decade* (2025)
- [Building a Roadmap for the implementation of the Ocean Decade in the Tropical Americas and Caribbean \(TAC\) Region, Editor/reviewer, UN Ocean Decade](#) (2024).
- Monitoring Macroalgae Extent and Biodiversity in the Arctic with citizen scientists, *Principal Investigator, National Geographic Lindblad Expeditions Visiting Scientist Programme* (2025)
- Let's Kelp our Coasts: Seaweed and Sustainability, *NGS Explorer, NG Educator-Explorer Exchange* (2024 - 2025)
- [Recommendations to Heads of State and Government from the International Scientific Committee of the One Ocean Science Congress, Editor/reviewer](#) (2024).
- [Sustainable management of coastal areas, Expert contributor, Oficina de Ciencia y Tecnología del Congreso de los Diputados \(Oficina C\)](#) (2024).
- Pendennis Sustainability, *Consultant, BluGreens* (2024)
- Co-Production for Arctic Decision Making, *Human Wellbeing Team Member, Study of Environmental Arctic Change (SEARCH)* (2023 - Present)
- Co-Design Training Course Pilot, *Project manager, UN Ocean Decade* (2022)
- Constructive Visions Book Project, *NGS Meridian Grant, Author, Engagement, Project Manager* (2020 - 2024)
- Calls for Decade Actions 1 - 4, *Process developer, Reviewer, UN Ocean Decade* (2020 - 2022)
- Seaweed Farming Comms, *Consultant, Reshore* (2020)

**2024 - Present: National Geographic - Lindblad Expeditions**, Photo Expert

- Craft compelling narratives across Expeditions

**2023 - 2024: North Devon UNESCO Biosphere**, Marine Project Coordinator

- Marine Nature Recovery Roadmap development
- Built network to support aquaculture developments
- Managed Marine Policy Group, and community Forum
- Delivered £15k communications & brand contract
- Nurtured existing & built new partnerships

## Funding & Awards:

2025 NERC Arctic Travel Bursary:  
1,500 GBP

2025 Community Grant: 3,784 USD  
for NGS South West Hub  
collaboration event

2024 New Member of the Year,  
Saltash Sailing Club

2024 Phase 3 Championing  
Coastal Coordination Environment  
Agency Fund: 24,000 GBP for North  
Devon UNESCO Biosphere

2024 Visiting Scientist National  
Geographic Grant: 20,000 USD for  
LEX-NG ship-based research

365 'Dip a Day' Fundraiser: 1,400  
GBP for Devon Wildlife Trust &  
Surfers Against Sewage, 2023

2023 British Antarctic Territory  
Grant: 8,000 GBP for UKPN

2022 Community Grant: 2,000 USD  
for NGS Hub event at the Plymouth  
Aquarium

2022 National Geographic  
Meridian Grant: 71,500 USD for  
educational partnerships

2020 National Geographic  
Collaboration Grant: 12,500 USD for  
book publication

2018 National Geographic Early  
Career Grant: 5,734 USD

**2022 – Present: NGS SW England Explorers' Hub (Volunteer),**  
Coordinator

- Southwest Explorers at the National Marine Aquarium,  
*Organiser & Speaker (2022)*

**2022 – 2023: NIRAS,** Marine Environment Consultant

- Community engagement manager for Defra-led OCEAN  
grant programme
- Tendered for government agency and private industry  
projects
- Compiled and reviewed environmental compliance  
documentation

**2020 – 2022: UN Ocean Decade,** Science and Operations  
Officer

- Built data management and CRM systems
- Defined advisory board and team roles
- Developed monitoring and evaluation framework
- Strategic review of implementation and governance  
structures
- Designed Decade Collaborative Centre partnership  
mandates

**2019 – Present: UK Polar Network (Volunteer),** Member-at-  
large, Vice President, President, Festival Coordinator

- UKPN Roadshow, *Coordinator*
- PolarSTEP Fieldwork Training Course, *Training Coordinator*
- Research Impact Workshop, *Instructor (evaluation,  
ethics)*
- Clean Planet Peninsula Project Fieldwork Training Course,  
*Training Coordinator*
- UN Ocean Decade Arctic Regional Action Plan Working  
Group 2, *Early Career Facilitator*
- Annual Report 6, Working Group II, *Intergovernmental  
Panel on Climate Change, Group Reviewer*

**2019 – 2020: Valpak,** Environmental Compliance Advisor

**2016 – 2018: University of Southampton,** Marine Science  
Student Assistant

**2015 – 2018: RRS Discovery Collections,** Curator and  
Cataloguer

## Public Speaking Highlights

Graduation Speech, ICS London

Women in Sailing, Saltash Sailing Club Talk Series

Responsible Storytelling, National Geographic – Lindblad Expeditions, Iceland

Blue Careers, Students Organising for Sustainability, Plymouth

Coastal Communities, National Geographic Explorer Spotlight, Sofia, Bulgaria

Women in Polar Science, BBC News Channel live interview, Plymouth

Resiliency in Uummannaq, National Geographic Explorer Spotlight, Munich, Germany

## Conferences & Events:

Icelandic Seaweed: Science-Society - Policy Workshop, Reykjavik, 2025 - **Organiser**

Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavik, 2025 - **Exhibitor**

Women & the Wind Film Screening and Panel Discussion, Plymouth, 2025 - **Organiser, Chair**

National Geographic - Lindblad Expeditions UK Sales Launch, London, 2025 - **NG Expert**

Arctic Science Summit Week, and Polar Early Career World Summit, Boulder, 2025 - **Session Lead, Participant**

Socio-oceanography workshop, Southampton, 2025 & 2024 - **Participant**

Data Governance Roundtable, London, 2024 - **Participant**

Southwest Marine Ecosystem Conference, Plymouth, 2024 - **Participant**

Arctic Science Summit Week, Edinburgh, 2024 - **Participant, Session Organiser**

Anniversary of the UK Arctic Policy Framework, FCDO, London, 2024 - **Invitee**

Polar Pride Lunch, HoP, London, 2023 - **Invitee**

Seagrass Symposium, Plymouth, 2023 - **Participant**

Blue Food Innovation Summit, London, 2022 - **Roundtable Host**

Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavik, 2022 - **Participant**

## Education & Training

**Leadership Training**, National Geographic Society, *Bulgaria 2024*

**How to Start a Kelp Farm**, Greenwave, *Online 2023*

**Arctic Winter College**, Migration in Harmony Research Coordination Network, Ecologic Institute & the Arctic Institute, *Online 2021*

**ScienceTelling Bootcamp**, National Geographic Society, *Munich 2019*

**Atlantic Deepwater Ecosystem Observatory Network Research Cruise III**, University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System, *Northwest Atlantic 2018*

**MSc Sustainability (Distinction)**, University of Southampton, *Completed 2018*

- An exploration of resiliency in Uummanaq, Greenland

**Introduction to Data Analysis and Ecosystem Modelling (6ECTS)**, ICBM Summer School on Coastal Systems, *University of Oldenburg 2017*

**BSc Oceanography (Honours, 2:1)**, University of Southampton, *Completed 2017*

- A population composition study of lysianassoid amphipod *Paracallisoma* sp. 6

## Publication Highlights

Henson HC, *et al.* 2025. ***Dreaming the future of polar research: A vision from the next generation.*** PLOS Clim. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pclm.0000672>

Turner, D., *et al.* 2025. ***Nunakut Naguatun Atugluu/ Co-Stewardship: 'Co-production' through the lens of the Study of Environmental Arctic Change's Human Wellbeing Team.*** PLOS Clim. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pclm.0000692>

[Nunn, C., \*et al.\* 2023. \*\*\*The Growing Popularity of Polar Science.\*\*\* The Observer.](#)

[Hancock, S., Janoski, K., Leidman, S., Nunn, C., Reinert, A. 2023. \*\*\*Community Wellbeing in the North American Arctic,\*\*\* Arctic Winter College 2023.](#)

[Nunn, C. 2022. \*\*\*Lessons in Cross-Cultural Communication About Climate Change.\*\*\* The Circle, WWF.](#)

[Nunn, C., \*et al.\* \(2020\). \*\*\*The Living Breakwater Tackles the SDGs.\*\*\* ESRI StoryMap.](#)

Nunn, C. 2020. ***Scavenging for Knowledge.*** Muse Magazine, Cricket Media.