

Brief Bio-Statement

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Nina Vieira has a Bachelor's degree in Biology, University of Évora (2003/2008) and a Masters in Marine Ecology from the Faculty of Sciences of the Lisbon University (2008/2010).

She is presently conducting her PhD research with the project "The taxonomy of Portuguese whaling from the 13th to the 19th century: An Atlantic history of the sea, whales and people" and is a research assistant at the Centre for Overseas History (CHAM, FCSH-UNL) and a founding member of the Association for Sea Sciences.

She has been involved in Portuguese scientific projects about cetaceans, conducting her research in history and ecology, as also in international projects namely the project *MORSE - Management of ocean resources under shifting expectations: Bringing the historical perspective into marine mammal conservation* of ANR-Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France) and the project *Action COST - OPP (Oceans Past Platform)* included in the Working Group "Changing values (economic and cultural) of marine life to society".

Her primary research interests are in the ecology and conservation of cetaceans, understood through the history of the relation between humans and those animals, their exploitation, their economic interest and the social and cultural impact of that relationship over time. In 2009, she won a project financed by the Project AWARE Foundation.

In addition, has participated in several conferences, such as the Oceans Past Conference, the Conference of the European Cetacean Society, Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, Congresso Nacional de Etologia and International Meeting on Marine Research.

Within the publications of 3 book chapters, 3 articles in international specialty journals and several scientific reports, her latest publication, in the scope of the Marine Environmental History, is: Brito, C. and **Vieira, N.** (2016) A sea-change in the sea? Perceptions and practices towards sea turtles and manatees in Portugal's Atlantic Ocean legacy. In *Perspectives on Oceans Past. A Handbook on Marine Environmental History*. K. Schwerdtner Máñez & B. Poulsen (eds), Springer Science and Media.