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Relevant Professional Experience

- May 2017 – current **Stockholm Resilience Centre** www.stockholmresilience.org
Researcher/Theme Leader/Project Manager (Stockholm, Sweden)
Research on stewardship of ocean resources, with particular focus on the sustainable and equitable use of marine genetic resources. Co-leading the Centre's "Human Ocean" research theme, leading marine biotechnology research project, and managing science portfolio of the Seafood Business for Ocean Stewardship (SeaBOS) initiative.
- Oct 2013 – Mar 2017 **The University of Tokyo** www.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Research Fellow (Tokyo, Japan)
Conducted research on how international cooperation and conflict emerge with regard to the management and use of marine ecosystem services.
- Aug 2011 – Mar 2016 **United Nations University** www.unu.edu
Communications Officer (Tokyo/Yokohama, Japan)
Responsible for communicating research outcomes of multiple programs at the United Nations University.

Education

- 2015 **The University of Tokyo (Japan)**
PhD – Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- 2009 **Lund University (Sweden)**
MSc Degree – International Development and Management
- 2005 **University of Massachusetts at Amherst (USA)**
BA Degree – Mathematics; Germanic Studies

Languages

English (Native); German (Fluent); Japanese and Swedish (Intermediate)

Editorial and honorary positions

- Ocean & Climate Platform** (Scientific Committee member: 2021-current)
<https://ocean-climate.org/en/scientific-and-expert-committee/>
- ICES Journal of Marine Science** (Editorial Board Member: 2016-current)
http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/icesjms/
- United Nations University** (Visiting Research Fellow: 2016-2017)
<http://www.unu.edu>
- The University of Tokyo** (Visiting Research Fellow: 2017-current)
<http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

Grants

(total = USD 619,225)

Title: The marine biotechnology industry and equitable governance of marine genetic resources (*Principal Investigator*)

Funder: Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)

Time: January 2021- December 2024; **Funding amount:** SEK 3,996,344

Title: The Ocean Genome (*Principal Investigator*)

Funder: High Level Panel for a Sustainable Blue Economy (WRI)

Time: January 2019-December 2019; **Funding amount:** USD 50,000

Title: Mineral and Genetic Resources (*Co-principal Investigator*)

Funder: Blue Climate Initiative

Time: July 2020-December 2020; **Funding amount:** USD 50,000

Title: Scoping materiality of plastic pollution for the private sector (*Subcontractor*)

Funder: Pew Charitable Trusts (subcontract via Duke University)

Time: August 2020-May 2021; **Funding amount:** USD 10,000

Title: Setting the research and policy agenda for the high seas (*Principal Investigator*)

Funder: Stockholm University (in collaboration with the University of Tokyo)

Time: April 2018-May 2018; **Funding amount:** SEK 50,000

Title: Assessing the stability of fisheries cooperation in the context of poleward shifts of fish stocks in the North Pacific and Northeast Atlantic (*Principal Investigator*)

Funder: Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Time: April 2016- March 2017; **Funding amount:** JPY 4,550,000

Supervision

Current students (graduated students): PhD: 2 (1); Masters: 1 (2); Bachelors: 1

Projects

Blue Climate Initiative (Co-lead: Working Group on Mineral and Genetic Resources: 2020-current). <https://www.blueclimateinitiative.org/>

World Ocean Assessment (Pool of Experts Member; Chapter Lead: 2019-current) <http://www.worldoceanassessment.org>

UN Global Compact Action Platform for Sustainable Ocean Business (Member Representative, Editorial Board member: 2019-current) <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/take-action/action-platforms/ocean>

Seafood Stewardship Index (Expert Review Committee: 2018-current) <https://seafood.worldbenchmarkingalliance.org>

High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (Member, Expert Group; Blue Paper Lead: 2019-2020) <https://oceanpanel.org>

The Nippon Foundation – University of British Columbia NEREUS program. (Senior Research Fellow: 2017-2019) <http://www.nereusprogram.org>