

Jamila Rizgalla

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2022- Present

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Head of Department of Aquaculture

2022- Present

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Assistant professor

2021 - Present

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Assistant Professor

2017 - 2021

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Lecturer, fish disease course

2017 - 2018

Department of Poultry and Fish Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya

Lecturer, fish disease course

2017 January-May

Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK

Research Assistant

2008 - 2016

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Assistant Lecturer, fish disease course

2006 - 2008

Department of Aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya

Assistant Lecturer (Freelance)

2007 - 2008

Department of Zoology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya

Assistant lecturer (Freelance), fish parasitology

2007 - 2008

Department of poultry and fish diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya

Assistant Lecturer (Freelance), fish disease course

2008, three months

Libyan Center for Marine Wealth, Tripoli, Libya

2006 - 2008

Department of Veterinary Control, Food and Drug Control Center, Tripoli, Libya

2007

International Organization for Migration IOM, Tripoli, Libya

Volunteer

2006 March-July

National program for aquaculture development, Tripoli, Libya

Fish health

2004

Marine Biology Research Center, Tajura, Libya

2003

Marine Biology Research Center, Tajura, Libya

2002

Zoological Station A. Dohrn of Naples, Naples, Italy

Rehabilitation of sea turtles

2001

Zoological Station A. Dohrn, Naples, Italy

Volunteer: rehabilitation of sea turtles

EDUCATION

2017

Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Aquatic Veterinary Science,

Dissertation entitled: “An investigation of the health status of wild Libyan dusky grouper, *Epinephelus marginatus* (Lowe), with characterization of a new disease, Dusky Grouper Dermatitis (DGD)”.

2015

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ), Zaragoza, Spain

Training course, application of epidemiology in aquatic animal health

2007

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ), Zaragoza, Spain

Training course, quality and safety control of fish and fish products

2005

Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK

Master of Science Aquatic Veterinary Studies

Dissertation entitled: “An Investigation of the Involvement of *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* in the pathogenesis of Gravel Rash Syndrome”

2001 - 2002

French language course, Le Mans, France

2000

Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Human Medicine, University of Tripoli, Tripoli/Libya

Laboratory diagnosis of parasites causing diarrhea

2000

Lara Station, Lara, Cyprus

Field training, sea turtle, biology and conservation

2000

Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece (ARCHELON), Zakynthos, Greece

Field training, sea turtle conservation, beach survey

2000

Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASET), Athens, Greece

Volunteer

2000

Department of Avian and Reptile Medicine and Therapeutic, Justus-Liebig University of Gissen, Gissen, Germany

Attachment

1999

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya
Bachelor Degree in Veterinary Medicine (BVM)

PROJECTS

2016 - Present

Project Snowball (assessing marine biodiversity in Libyan water)
Investigating marine biodiversity in Libyan waters

INVITED TALKS

2022

Institute of Aquaculture University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, UK

First talk: Dusky Grouper Dermatitis and the role of the digenean trematode
Second talk: social media in fish disease surveillance and so much more...

2021

MSc Aquatic Veterinary Studies, Institute of Aquaculture University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, UK

First talk: Dusky Grouper Dermatitis and the role of the digenean trematode
Second talk: social media in fish disease surveillance and so much more...

2018

Research & Consultation Center University of Tripoli, Libya Tripoli, Libya

Three days further education classes held at the department of aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli, Tripoli, Libya

AWARDS

2016

Travel Award, Aquatic Animal Epidemiology (AquaEpi I), Oslo, Norway

Manuscript "Use of the Facebook social media network to establish the distribution and prevalence of dusky grouper dermatitis (DGD) in Libyan waters"

APPOINTMENTS

2023, May 18th

Department of aquaculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli
Workshop: Aquaculture in Libya and its future

2022, October 12th

Scientific Research and Studies Center - University of Tobruk, Libya
Workshop: The role of citizen scientist (fishermen) in the detection and recording no-native marine species in Libyan waters

2023, March 18th

PESIDA (NGO), Abokamach, Libya
Workshop: Sea turtle necroscopy

2021, 13-15 April

Lebanon 2021 Fifth Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries (CSMC5), Online

Manuscript: Cetacean in Libyan waters: recorded via a citizen science project and mining social media platforms

2007 September

Dublin, Ireland

LANGUAGES

Arabic, native

German, native

English, speaking (fluent), reading (fluent), writing (fluent),

Italian, speaking (fluent), reading (fluent)

French, conversational

LINKS

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Rizgalla J (2021) Can social media platforms play a role in sea turtle conservation efforts in Libya in times of war and political/economic instability? *J. Black Sea/Mediterranean Environment*. 27 (1):1-32.

Rizgalla J (2020) Live stranded fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus* in Libyan waters reported via social media platform. *J. Black Sea/Mediterranean Environment*. 26 (3): 329-335.

Rizgalla J, Crocetta F (2020) First record of *Phyllorhiza punctata* von Lendenfeld, 1884 (Cnidaria: Scyphozoa: Rhizostomeae) in Libya through social media data mining. *BioInvasions Records*. 9 (3): 490–495.

Katsanevakis S, Poursanidis D, Hoffman R, **Rizgalla J**, Bat-Sheva Rothman S, Levitt-Barmatz Y... Zenetos A (2020) Unpublished Mediterranean records of marine alien and cryptogenic species. *BioInvasions Records*. 9, 2: 165–182.

Osca D, Tanduo V, Tiralongo F, Giovos I, Almabruk SAA, Crocetta F, **Rizgalla J** (2020) The Indo-Pacific Sergeant *Abudefduf vaigiensis* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1825) (Perciformes: Pomacentridae) in Libya, South-Central Mediterranean Sea. *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering* 8: 14, <https://doi.org/10.3390/jmse8010014>

Rizgalla J, Crocetta F (2020) First record of the fissurellid mollusc *Diodora funiculata* (Reeve, 1850) (Mollusca: Gastropoda) in Libyan waters (central Mediterranean Sea). *BioInvasions Records*. 9: 60–64, <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2020.9.1.08>

Al Mabruk SAA, **Rizgalla J** (2019) First record of lionfish (Scorpaenidae: Pterois) from Libyan waters. *J Black Sea/Medit Environ* 25(1):108-114.

Rizgalla J, Shinn AP, Crocetta F (2019) New records of alien and cryptogenic marine bryozoan, mollusc, and tunicate species in Libya. *BioInvasions Records* 8: 590–597, <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2019.8.3.15>

Rizgalla J, Bron JE, Crocetta F, Shinn AP, Almabruk SAA (2019) First record of *Aplysia dactylomela* Rang, 1828 (Mollusca: Gastropoda) in Libyan coastal waters. *BioInvasions Records* 8: 80–86, <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2019.8.1.08>

Rizgalla J, Fridman S, Ben Abdallah A, Bron JE, Shinn AP (2018) First record of the non-native sea snail *Haminoea cyanomarginata* Heller & Thompson, 1983 (Gastropoda: Haminoeidae) in the Southern Mediterranean Sea. *BioInvasions Records* 7: 411–414, <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2018.7.4.09>

Rizgalla J, Shinn AP, Paladini G, Herath T, Bron JE, Ferguson HW (2016) Ulcerative dermatitis in wild dusky grouper *Epinephelus marginatus* (Lowe) from Libyan waters. *Journal of Fish Diseases* 39(12):1457-1466.

Rizgalla J, Shinn AP, Ferguson HW, Paladini G, Jayasuriya N, Bron JE (2016) A novel use of social media to evaluate the occurrence of skin lesions affecting wild dusky grouper, *Epinephelus marginatus* (Lowe, 1834), in Libyan coastal waters. *Journal of Fish Diseases* 40 (5) 609-620.

Ferguson HW, Giron A, **Rizgalla G**, LaPatra S, Branson EJ, MacKenzie K, Davies M, Collins EO, Diab A, Crumlish M (2006) Strawberry disease in rainbow trout in Scotland: pathology and association with *Flavobacterium psychrophilum*. *The Veterinary Record* (158): 630-632.