

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Aneesha Ani Benadict**



I am a very ambitious and young marine biologist, and **UK Darwin Scholar since August 2006**. My association with Friends of Marine Life (FML), participation in the Darwin Scholars programme and my achievement in the marine biodiversity conservation and protection of livelihood of fishermen has been acknowledged and appreciated by international organization such as Too Big To Ignore, link: <http://toobigtoignore.net/student/small-scale-fisheries-researcher-attends-darwin-scholars-programme/>

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## Personal details:

- Age & Date of Birth: 23 & 29/09/1992
- Sex: Female
- Religion & Caste: Christian LC Mukkuva (a traditional and indigenous coastal fishing community)

## Academic qualifications:

- 2016-Current**      **Pursuing Post graduation** in MSc. Marine Biology of Pondicherry University, Andaman & Nicobar, India  
Areas covered: Taxonomy, Physical chemical biological oceanography, Fisheries, Marine Ecology, Genetics, Microbiology
- 2011-2014**      **Graduation in BSc. Botany & Biotechnology** University of Kerala, South India  
Areas covered: Basics of botany, taxonomy, zoology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, environmental studies etc.

## Professional Experience:

- 2012- 2014**      **Project Assistant for Marine Biodiversity Research**  
KSBB (Kerala State Biodiversity Board), India  
Duties performed are:
- Assisting the preparation of Marine Biodiversity Register
  - Collecting the data and specimens from the field by travelling to the sea with the fishermen
  - Identification and preparation of marine organisms collected
  - Processing of the data including map preparation
  - Designing register of marine biodiversity

## Involvement in research project:

- 2011- 2014**      **Non-salaried work for Marine ecology and conservation**, organised by FML (Friends of Marine Life), local NGO based in Trivandrum, Kerala, India  
Activities involved are:

- Conducting coastal walk to understand and to collect the marine specimens from the beach
- Conducting awareness programmes about the different marine environmental issues
- Conducting interactive sessions for the students on the conservation of marine ecology and biodiversity

### Publications:

- Assisted in the preparation of a book '**Eyes on the finger tips- Some aspects of arts, science, technology and culture of the fisher folk of Trivandrum, India**' written by Robert Panipilla and published by ICSF (International Collective in Supporting Fish workers)  
Online publication at  
[http://www.icsf.net/images/occasionalpapers/pdf/english/issue\\_149/149\\_EYES%20ON%20THEIR%20FINGERTIPS\\_ROBERT%20PANIPILLA\\_FOR\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.icsf.net/images/occasionalpapers/pdf/english/issue_149/149_EYES%20ON%20THEIR%20FINGERTIPS_ROBERT%20PANIPILLA_FOR_WEB.pdf)
- Published an article on '**Marine Biodiversity register preparation of Trivandrum coast**' in the Caption ' The Sea around us' in *Samudra* , a triannual journal of ICSF , No.67, April 2014 (page no: 29- 32)

### Conference Presentations:

- 'The traditional knowledge of fishermen in the conservation of marine biodiversity'; paper presented to: National Biodiversity Congress- India held on 27- 30 December 2012 at Trivandrum, Kerala
- ' The Marine biodiversity of Trivandrum coast' ; paper presented to: 26<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress held on 28- 31 January, 2014 at Wayanad, Kerala

## Volunteering Experience:

**2011- 2015 Smart class volunteer for conducting smart classes for high school students, SRMERC (Sister Rose Memorial Education Resource Centre) Trivandrum, Kerala, India**

- Preparing power point presentations and teaching Biology subjects for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standard students coming from the coastal background.
- Training the students to prepare their own power point presentations on the different aspects of biology.
- Providing training sessions for students to make use of the internet resources for academic purposes.

## English language training

- Undergone to do 6 months English language skills training course conducted by a local NGO VESS (Venad Education & Social Services) from January – June, 2014.

## Other training

- **Q GIS Mapping**- 2 days training programme on open source mapping – a short course on **mapping essentials** ‘ conducted by Gubbilabs at Bangalore, India on January 31 – 1 February, 2015
- **Photoshop**- One month course on the basics of Photoshop and applied the knowledge to have designed the Marine Biodiversity Register for Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), Trivandrum, Kerala
- **Swimming & Snorkelling** have trained for last two years in the sea and inland waters.

## Other interests and Skills

- **MS Office** – Experienced in training the students , how to make use of this application for their academic purposes
- **Video editing**- Edited many videos for the Governmental and non-governmental works
- **Pencil sketching & Painting**- have won many prizes in the school and college levels