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**Current Position:** Researcher III level

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### Education/Training/Experience

Institute and Location	Degree / Function	Year	Field of Study
University of Messina, Italy	Master Degree	2008-2010	Biology and Ecology of the Coastal Marine Environment
Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, (ISPRA), Laboratory of Milazzo, Italy	Internship	2011	Trophic ecology of fish species and taxonomic identification of prey
Department of Agriculture, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy	Ph.D.	2013-2016	Toxicological assessment of plastics pollution in fish species
University of Messina, Italy	Advanced Training Course FORINNOVA QUA	2014-2015	Training for technology innovation in aquaculture
Department of Physical, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Siena, Italy	Research grant	2016-2017	Marine litter pollution and its impact on biodiversity
Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, (ISPRA), Laboratory of Milazzo, Italy	Post-doc	2017-2018	Fishery management and resources

Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, (ISPRA), Laboratory of Milazzo, Italy	Post-doc	2019-2020	Marine litter pollution and its impact on biodiversity
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (SZN), Messina, Italy	Post-doc	2020-2023	Marine litter pollution and its impact on marine environment and biodiversity
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (SZN), Amendolara, Italy	Researcher III level	2023-present	Marine litter pollution and its impact on marine environment and biodiversity

### **Appointments and awards**

2021-present: member of the Editorial Board as a Review Editor within Marine Pollution section of Frontiers in Marine Science and Frontiers in Environmental Science.

2016 – present: reviewer for the following peer reviewed journals:

Environmental Pollution, Marine Pollution Bulletin, Aquatic Toxicology, Science of the Total Environment, Environmental Research, Marine Biology Research.

### **Involvement in research projects**

Plastic Busters MPAs: preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas - Interreg MED project (2019-2020)

ConFish: Connectivity among Mediterranean fishery stakeholders and scientists resolves connectivity of fishery populations - Interreg MED project (2017-2018)

### **Publications**

Author of 28 publications on ISI-journals (h index:17) and 1 book

#### ***List of publications of the last 10 years (2012-present)***

##### ***Journal Papers***

Romeo T, Battaglia P, Pedà C, Perzia P, Consoli P, Esposito V, Andaloro F. (2012). Pelagic cephalopods of the central Mediterranean Sea determined by the analysis of the stomach content of large fish predator. *Helgoland Marine Research*, 66(3), 295-306.

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Battaglia P, Pedà C, Sinopoli M, Romeo T, Andaloro F. (2013). Cephalopods in the diet of young-of-the-year bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus* L. 1758) from the southern Tyrrhenian Sea (central Mediterranean Sea). *Italian Journal of Zoology*, 80(4), 560-565.

Pedà C, Battaglia P, Scuderi A, Voliani A, Mancusi C, Andaloro F, Romeo T. (2015). Cephalopod prey in the stomach contents of odontocete cetaceans stranded in the western Mediterranean Sea. *Marine Biology Research*, 11(6), 593-602.

Romeo T, Battaglia P, Pedà C, Consoli P, Andaloro F, Fossi M.C. (2015). First evidence of presence of plastic debris in stomach of large pelagic fish in the Mediterranean Sea. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, 95(1), 358-361.

Battaglia P, Pedà C, Musolino S, Esposito V, Andaloro F, Romeo T. (2016). Diet and first documented data on plastic ingestion of *Trachinotus ovatus* L. 1758 (Pisces: Carangidae) from the Strait of Messina (central Mediterranean Sea). *Italian Journal of Zoology*, 83(1), 121-129.

Pedà C, Caccamo L, Fossi MC, Gai F, Andaloro F, Genovese L, Perdichizzi A, Romeo T, Maricchiolo G. (2016). Intestinal alterations in European sea bass *Dicentrarchus labrax* (Linnaeus, 1758) exposed to microplastics: preliminary results. *Environmental Pollution*, 212, 251-256.

Romeo T, Pedà C, Fossi MC, Andaloro F, Battaglia P. (2016). First record of plastic debris in the stomach contents of Mediterranean lanternfishes. *Acta Adriatica*, 57(1), 113-122.

Battaglia P, Andaloro F, Consoli P, Pedà C, Raicevich S, Spagnolo M, Romeo T. (2017). Baseline data to characterize and manage the small-scale fishery (SSF) of an oncoming Marine Protected Area (Cape Milazzo, Italy) in the western Mediterranean Sea. *Ocean & Coastal Management*, 148, 231-244.

Fossi MC, Pedà C, Compa M, Tsangaris C, Alomar C, Claro F, Ioakeimidis C, Galgani F, Hema T, Deudero S, Romeo T, Battaglia P, Andaloro F, Caliani I, Casini S, Panti C, Baini M. (2018). Bioindicators for monitoring marine litter ingestion and its impacts on Mediterranean biodiversity. *Environmental Pollution*, 237, 1023-1040.

Battaglia P, Perzia P, Pedà C, Esposito V, Consoli P, Andaloro F, Romeo T. (2018). Evolution, crisis and new scenarios of the Italian swordfish harpoon fishery. *Regional Studies in Marine Science*, 21, 94-101.

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Caruso G, Pedà C, Cappello S, Leonardi M, La Ferla R, Lo Giudice A, Maricchiolo G, Rizzo C, Maimone G, Rappazzo AC, Genovese L, Romeo T. (2018). Effects of microplastics on trophic parameters, abundance and metabolic activities of seawater and fish gut bacteria in mesocosm conditions. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 25(30), 30067-30083.

Battaglia P, Consoli P, Ammendolia G, D'Alessandro M, Bo M, Vicchio TM, Pedà C, Cavallaro M, Andaloro F, Romeo T. (2019). Colonization of floats from submerged derelict fishing gears by four protected species of deep-sea corals and barnacles in the Strait of Messina (central Mediterranean Sea). *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, 148, 61-65.

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approach for the extraction of microplastics from gastrointestinal tracts (GITs) of the common dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*) from the western Mediterranean Sea. Journal of Hazardous Materials, 397, 122794.

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Pedà C, Longo F, Berti C, Laface F, De Domenico F, Consoli P, Battaglia P, Greco S, Romeo T. (2022). The waste collector: information from a pilot study on the interaction between the common octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*, Cuvier, 1797) and marine litter in bottom traps fishing and first evidence of plastic ingestion. Marine pollution bulletin, 174, 113185.

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Laface F., Pedà C., Giommi C., Scozzafava S., Rizzo C., Malara D., Greco S., Romeo T. (2023). A glimpse into the future: A suitable methodological approach for the detection and identification of micro-bioplastics in biota. Science of The Total Environment, 899, 165613.

### ***Books***

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