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Integrative Marine Ecology Department, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Napoli (Italy)

**Education/Training/Experience**

Institute and Location	Degree / Function	Year	Field of Study
Lecce University, Italy	Laurea	2001	Biological sciences
Lecce University, Italy	Research contract	2003	Annelid taxonomy
National Interuniversity Consortium For Marine Sciences, CoNISMa, Lecce Section, Italy	Research contract	2003-2004	Taxonomy of non-indigenous annelids
Department of Biological and Environmental Science and Technology (DiSTeBA), Salento University, Lecce, Italy	Research contract	2004-2005	Annelid diversity
Università del Salento, Lecce, Italy	PhD	2007	Fundamental Ecology
CoNISMa, Lecce Section, Italy	Fellowship	2007-2008	Annelid diversity in 4 Mediterranean MPAs
DiSTeBA, Salento University, Lecce, Italy	Postdoc	2009-2010	Ecology, biology and diversity of annelids under natural and controlled conditions
Institute for Coastal Marine Environment, IAMC-CNR, Mazara d.V. (Trapani), Italy	Postdoc	2012-2013	Marine benthic assemblages under alien species invasions

IAMC-CNR, Castellammare d.G. (Trapani), Italy	Postdoc	2013	Food-web analysis of benthic assemblages under increasing levels of fishing impact
IAMC-CNR, Castellammare d.G.(Trapani), Italy	Researcher	2013-2016	Invertebrates as bioindicators in marine rocky shores
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Napoli, Italy	Researcher	2016-present	Marine Biodiversity Conservation

### **Appointments and awards**

2018: Anton Dohrn Best Researcher Award 2018  
 2018: Qualified Associate Professor of Ecology (Italian Ministry of Research)  
 2014: Qualified Associate Professor of Zoology (Italian Ministry of Research)  
 2011: Qualified Researcher in Coastal Marine Ecology (Italian CNR)  
 2011: Qualified Researcher in Marine Ecology and Ecotoxicology (Italian CNR)  
 2010: Qualified Researcher in Marine Ecology (Italian CNR)  
 2010: Member of the Scientific committee of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Polychaete Conference  
 2006: Taxonomic Editor of the Syllidae (Annelida) for the European Register of Marine Species  
 Top Reviewer Award for the contributions to the journal Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science (Elsevier)

### **Other**

2016- present - PI of ABBaCo – Restauro Ambientale e Balneabilità del SIN Bagnoli-Coroglio (Environmental Restoration and Bathing of the Site of National Interest Bagnoli-Coroglio) leaded by Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn in collaboration with CNR (IAMC, ISAC), INGV, ISS, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Università Parthenope, Università della Campania, Università Federico II, CoNISMa, funding of Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research).

Media:

- [https://www.raipplay.it/social/video/2019/02/Linea-Verde-Life---Napoli-37856ae7-7fe9-4a8e-b053-bb3810ac3b87.html?wt\\_mc=2.www.fb.raipplay\\_vod\\_linea-verde\\_linea-verde-life---napoli.&fbclid=IwAR2KUyIC21C1\\_Qdw44DUkslHy8q52HxMINx2pNrSvrgR8\\_ib80Z-G8Ca958](https://www.raipplay.it/social/video/2019/02/Linea-Verde-Life---Napoli-37856ae7-7fe9-4a8e-b053-bb3810ac3b87.html?wt_mc=2.www.fb.raipplay_vod_linea-verde_linea-verde-life---napoli.&fbclid=IwAR2KUyIC21C1_Qdw44DUkslHy8q52HxMINx2pNrSvrgR8_ib80Z-G8Ca958)
- [https://www.repubblica.it/ambiente/2018/07/30/news/nel\\_mediterraneo\\_i\\_coralli\\_killer\\_delle\\_meduse-202995871/?rss](https://www.repubblica.it/ambiente/2018/07/30/news/nel_mediterraneo_i_coralli_killer_delle_meduse-202995871/?rss)
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- [https://wwwilmattino.it/tecnologia/scienza/scoperta\\_la\\_cleptopredazione\\_meccanismo\\_di\\_predazione\\_intelligente-3358159.html](https://wwwilmattino.it/tecnologia/scienza/scoperta_la_cleptopredazione_meccanismo_di_predazione_intelligente-3358159.html)

## **Students' Supervision**

External supervisor of 2 PhD students (University of Palermo, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa). Internal Supervisor of 7 MSc and 5 undergraduate students' theses (Salento University). External Supervisor of 6 undergraduates and 2 masters students of the School of Biological Sciences, University of Portsmouth, 3 undergraduate students of the Federico II University, an undergraduate student and a graduate student (International Master of Marine Biology) of the Polytechnic University of Marche. Supervisor for an Internship student (Université de La Rochelle internship program). Scientific Advisor of a post-doc researcher at SZN. Member of examining committees for undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Palermo (Biogeography) and the Salento University (Zoology, Symbiosis and Associations among Animals).

## **Publications**

Author of 42 publications on ISI-journals (h-index: 17) and 4 book chapters

### ***List of publications of the last 10 years:***

#### **Peer-reviewed publications:**

Ragazzola F, Marchini A, Vasapollo C, Castelli A, Cerrati G, Gazzola F, Jiang C, Langeneck J, Mannauzzi MC, Musco L, Nannini M, Zekonyte J, Lombardi C (2019) Intertidal Mediterranean coralline algae habitat is expecting a shift towards a reduced growth and a simplified associated fauna under climate change. *Frontiers in Marine Science* 6:106. doi: 10.3389/fmars.2019.00106

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Musco L, Vega Fernández T, Caroselli E, J. Roberts MJ, Badalamenti F (2018) Protocooperation among small polyps allows the coral *Astroides calyculus* to prey on large jellyfish. *Ecology*. 99(10):2400–2401

Bussotti S, Di Franco A, Bianchi CN, Chevaldonné P, Egea L, Fanelli E, Lejeusne C, Musco L, Navarro-Barranco C, Pey A, Planes S, Vieux-Ingrassia JV & Guidetti P (2018) Fish mitigate trophic depletion in marine cave ecosystems. *Scientific Reports*, 8: 9193

Galasso, C.; Orefice, I.; Toscano, A.; Vega Fernández, T.; Musco, L.; Brunet, C.; Sansone, C.; Cirino, P. (2018) Food Modulation Controls Astaxanthin Accumulation in Eggs of the Sea Urchin *Arbacia lixula*. *Marine Drugs*, 16, 186.

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approach reveals the cryptic invasion by *Eulalia clavigera* (Annelida: Phyllodocidae). Marine Biodiversity <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12526-018-0864-y>

Langeneck, J., Musco, L., Busoni, G., Conese, I., Aliani S., Castelli A. (2018) Syllidae (Annelida: Phyllodocida) from the deep Mediterranean Sea, with the description of three new species. Zootaxa 4369(2), 197-220

Noè, S., Badalamenti, F., Bonaviri, C., Musco, L., Vega Fernández, T., Vizzini, S., Gianguzza, P. (2018) Food selection of a generalist herbivore exposed to native and alien seaweeds. Marine Pollution Bulletin 129 (2), 469-473

Cirino, P., Brunet, C., Ciaravolo, M., Galasso, C., Musco, L., Vega Fernández, T., Sansone, C., Toscano, A. (2017) The sea urchin *Arbacia lixula*: a novel natural source of astaxanthin. Marine Drugs, 15 (6) 187

Bertocci, I., Badalamenti, F., Lo Brutto, S., Mikac, B., Pipitone, C., Schimmenti, E., Vega Fernández, T., Musco, L. (2017) Reducing the data-deficiency of threatened European habitats: Spatial variation of sabellariid worm reefs and associated fauna in the Sicily Channel, Mediterranean Sea. Marine Environmental Research. 130: 325-337

Willis, TJ., Berglöf, KTL., McGill, RAR., Musco, L., Piraino, S., Rumsey, CM., Vega Fernández, T., Badalamenti, F., (2017) Kleptopredation: a mechanism to facilitate planktivory in a benthic mollusk. Biology Letters. 13 (11) 20170447

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Corriero G, C Pierri, S Accoroni, G Alabiso, G Bavestrello, E Barbone, M Bastianini, AM Bazzoni, F Bernardi Aubry, F Boero, MC Buia, M Cabrini, E Camatti, F Cardone, B Cataletto, R Cattaneo Vietti, E Cecere, T Cibic, P Colangelo, A De Olazabal, G D'Onghia, S Finotto, N Fiore, D Fornasaro, S Fraschetti, MC Gambi, A Giangrande, C Gravili, R Guglielmo, C Longo, M Lorenti, A Lugliè, P Maiorano, MG Mazzocchi, M Mercurio, F Mastrototaro, M Mistri, M Monti, C Munari, L Musco, C Nonnis- Marzano, BC Padedda, FP Patti, A Petrocelli, S Piraino,

G Portacci, A Pugnetti, S Pulina, T Romagnoli, I Rosati, D Sarno, CT Satta, N Sechi, S Schiaparelli, B Scipione, L Sion, A Terlizzi, V Tirelli, C Totti, A Tursi, N Ungaro, A Zingone, V Zupo, A Basset (2015). Ecosystem vulnerability to alien and invasive species: a case study on marine habitats along the Italian coast. *Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems* DOI: 10.1002/aqc.2550

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