

Mai Bonomo

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I'm an Israeli-American with native English and fluent Hebrew. My world travels helped me realize my passion for the natural world and conservation, inspiring me to study biology and ecology. I've always been drawn to the ocean and love underwater exploration and am now pursuing a MSc in marine biology. I love to learn, progress, excel, and think creatively. As a millennial, I grew up with and have a comprehensive understanding of the social media landscape (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) I'm an avid reader, home cook, baker, and am very into birdwatching, camping, hiking, design, music, and sometimes yoga.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 - Present:** Freelance English-Hebrew editing and translation
- 2020 – Present:** Shift Manager, Manta Ray Restaurant, Tel Aviv
- 2017-2020:** Trip Coordinator and Leader/Guide, youth cultural exchange program in Rwanda, Young Judaea
- 2016 - 2017:** English Teacher, Jerusalem Post
- 2012 - 2014:** Artillery Instructor, IDF

RESEARCH & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- March 2022:** Open Water and Advanced Open Water (“two stars”) diving certification, IANTD
- 2020 – 2021:** Team Captain, Tel Aviv University iGEM Team (international synthetic biology competition) – Project [Communique](#)
Organization, delegation, and leadership of team; management and monitoring of team tasks; wet lab experience with microorganisms; coordination between iGEM organization, PI, and team; content writing, web design, and document creation; experience with Wix; script-writing and caption creation.
- 2020 – 2021:** Undergraduate research project in the laboratory of Dr. Dinorah Friedmann-Morvinski
Molecular laboratory experience, glioblastoma research, thesis writing

EDUCATION

- October 2022:** Beginning my MSc. in marine biology; studying taxonomy and genetics of sea cucumbers at the Bronstein lab at Tel Aviv University
- 2018 - Present:** B.Sc. Life Sciences with a focus on Ecology and Evolution at Tel Aviv University.
Finishing average: 91
- 2016 – 2017:** Science Preparatory Program (Mechinat Olim), Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 2008 – 2011:** Blue Valley High School, Overland Park, Kansas, USA

VOLUNTEERING

- June 2022 – Present:** Data logger at [Sharks in Israel NGO](#)
- 2020 – Present:** Volunteer English Teacher, [Community Education Center \(CEC\)](#), Tel Aviv
- 2019 – 2021:** Volunteer, The Michael Levine Lone Soldier Center, Tel Aviv
- 2011 - 2012:** Shnat Sherut (National Service), Wizo Nir Ha'emek Youth Village, Afula