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EDUCATION

2016-current	PhD, School of Biological Sciences, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) <i>Thesis – Evaluating the conservation value of Hong Kong’s introduced, critically endangered yellow-crested cockatoos (<i>Cacatua sulphurea</i>)</i>
2004-2007	BA, International Development with a Politics Minor, University of Leeds <i>Thesis – China’s human rights record: the Tiananmen Square Massacre as a case study</i>

CERTIFICATIONS

First Aid International, Outdoor First Aid Course
Borneo Tree Climbing Academy, Level II
National Geographic Sciencetelling Bootcamp
PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Certification

GRANTS

National Geographic Women’s Fund, 2019
National Geographic Explorer, 2018
HKU School of Biological Sciences Pilot Scheme Award, 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

HKU, PhD candidate

Hong Kong, Sept 2016 – Aug 2020

- Researching ex-situ populations of critically endangered Yellow-crested Cockatoos (*Cacatua sulphurea*) in Hong Kong and Singapore, and comparing them to native-range counterparts in Komodo, Indonesia.
- R, QGIS, conduct laboratory and field work, grant and manuscript writing.

HKU, Research Assistant

Hong Kong, June 2016 – Sept 2016

- Conducting data and genetic analysis for the conservation forensics lab.

Freeland, Communications Support Officer

Bangkok, Nov 2015 – May 2016

- Composing articles / press releases on counter-wildlife-trafficking operations.
- Communicating with global partner NGOs.
- Co-ordinator for Freeland’s pangolin campaign activities.
- Compiling weekly activity updates to USAID.

Humane Society International, Consultant

Hong Kong, June 2015 – Sept 2015

- Initiated, organised and conducted Hong Kong's first-ever pangolin awareness raising campaign and event, managed and assisted with media coverage.
- Prepared budget and campaign funding request.
- Coordinated a comprehensive public survey on pangolin consumption in HK.
- Liaised with government bodies / NGOs to increase protection of local pangolins.
- Founded 'Hong Kong for Pangolins' community group.

WildAid, Consultant

Hong Kong, project-based, Nov 2013 – Sept 2015

- Assisted with research and writing of ivory trade report.
- Conducted research trip to Guangzhou to investigate pangolin consumption trends, produced an extensive report to inform WildAid’s global pangolin campaign.
- Prepared budgets and campaign funding requests.
- Supported with protest organization, represented WildAid at media events.

Freelance Conservation Journalist

Hong Kong, April 2013 – present

- Pitching, researching and writing in-depth articles on topical conservation issues.
- Building relationships, networks of wildlife trade experts.

Panacea Publishing – Business Traveller Asia-Pacific, Assistant Editor

Hong Kong, April 2012 – April 2014

- Coordinating with global offices.
- Trained and managed staff, inter-departmental coordination.
- Managed content, commissioned editorial.
- Represented the product at events and on press trips.

The Phuket Gazette, Desk Editor

Phuket, Feb 2010 – Sept 2011

- Working with reporters to produce precise, captivating special reports and features.
- Editing, writing, generating story ideas, layout, photography.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Andersson AA, Tilley HB, Lau W, Bonebrake T, Dingle C. (2020) Beyond CITES: Illuminating the legal wildlife trade. *Global Ecology and Conservation*, in review

Andersson AA, Gibson L, Baker DM, Wang S, Leung HN, Chu LM, Dingle C. (2020) Applying stable isotope analysis to detect laundering of yellow-crested cockatoos (*Cacatua sulphurea*) in wildlife trade, *Animal Conservation*, in review

Andersson A & Gibson L. (2017). Missing teeth: discordances in the trade of hippo *Hippopotamus amphibius* ivory between Africa and Hong Kong. *African Journal of Ecology*, 56(2), 235-243.

Gibson L, Hofford A, Dudgeon D, Song Y, Chen Y, Baker DM & Andersson A. (2018). Hong Kong's delayed ivory ban endangers African elephants. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 16(7), 370-380.

de Mitcheson YS, Andersson AA, Hofford A, Law CS, Hau LC & Pauly D. (2018). Out of control means off the menu: The case for ceasing consumption of luxury products from highly vulnerable species when international trade cannot be adequately controlled; shark fin as a case study. *Marine Policy*, 98, 115-120.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

WildAid	<i>The Illusion of Control: Hong Kong's 'Legal' Ivory Trade</i> wildaid.org/sites/default/files/resources/The%20Illusion%20of%20Control-Full%20Report.pdf
TIME	<i>Five Species That Are Quietly Dying Off While Nobody Pays Attention</i> time.com/2999513/conservation-seahorses-dugongs-freshwater-slow-lorises-turtles-tortoises-sun-bears/
Annamiticus	<i>Uncovered: Bali's Last Pangolins</i> – annamiticus.com/2014/09/01/uncovered-balis-last-pangolins-2/

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

[Include hippo teeth in domestic ivory bans](#), EU Stakeholder Meeting, CITES CoP18, Geneva, Switzerland, 2019

[Pangolin trade in Hong Kong](#), Pangolin side event, CITES CoP18, Geneva, Switzerland, 2019

[Bird in a bottle](#) National Geographic Explorers Festival, Washington DC, USA, 2019

Using stable isotopes to detect laundering in wildlife trade, the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC), Kuching, Malaysia 2018 – **also co-organized Wildlife Trade Symposium**