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I studied biology at the University of Valencia, Spain, where I got a Ph.D. in Zoology in 1991. Currently I am an Associate Professor at Cavanilles Institute of Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology. My doctoral dissertation versed on the taxonomy and ecology of parasites of long-finned pilot whales. Practically all my career has focused on taxonomy, ecology and evolution of marine parasites. Our recent work on community ecology of grey mullets has shed light into how to interpret the role of co-introduced parasites in species invasion theory. I am also particularly interested in developing quantitative approaches to study host-parasite interactions at ecological and evolutionary time scales. Outside academia, I love swimming, music, reading and learning foreign languages.