

**Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum****Personal information**

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**CV highlights**

- PhD in Animal Biology (Sapienza University of Rome, March 2015); MSc cum laude in Natural Science (October 2010); BSc in Natural Science (July 2008)
- 10 prizes/grants/awards received from academic and non-academic institutions, both national and international
- >65 articles published in ISI-ranked journals, >5 among book sections and technical reports
- Google Scholar: H-index = 27, Total citations > 3500 citations (start 2013)
- Senior Editor for *Diversity and Distributions*; reviewer of >30 international scientific journals
- Experience with academic teaching and supervision of BSc, MSc and PhD students (2013-present)
- Main research topics: Conservation Biogeography, Macroecology, Spatial Ecology, Global Change Biology
- Technical skills: R programming, GIS, Statistical modelling, Database management
- Italian National Qualification for Associate Professorships in Zoology and Ecology (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di II fascia per i settori 05/B1 e 05/C1)
- Member of international scientific societies (SCB, ATIT)

**Current and past position**

**2021-ongoing:** Researcher type B (i.e. assistant professor) at the Department of Biology and Biotechnologies “Charles Darwin”, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.

**2019-2021:** Researcher level III at the Italian National Research Centre (CNR), Institute of Research on Terrestrial Ecosystems (IRET).

**2017 - 2019:** Researcher level III (Veni Grant n. 0.16.Veni.181.031) at Department of Environmental Science, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

**2016 - 2017:** Postdoctoral research fellow at Department of Environmental Science, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

**2016** - Visiting researcher at Laboratoire d'Écologie Alpine a Grenoble (France) for a research in Collaboration with Dr. Wilfried Thuiller. The period is funded by the “Brusarosco” award provided by the Italian Ecological Society (S.It.E.) (March-July).

**2015 - 2016** - Postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Biology and Biotechnologies “Charles Darwin”, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.

**2011 - 2015** - PhD student at the Department of Biology and Biotechnologies “Charles Darwin”, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.

## **Research consultancy and technical reports**

**Dec 2015 - Jan 2016** - Update on the analyses for the European project “Bioscore 2” led by Alterra - Wageningen UR (NL).

**Nov-Dec 2015** - Research consultant for the Zoological Italian Union (UZI) for developing the methodology to be employed to estimate the species distribution and population size of the wolf (*Canis lupus*) for the Italian National Action Plan for the Wolf (2015).

**2015-2016** - Responsible for the analyses on mammals in the European project “How much biodiversity does Natura 2000 cover?” led by Alterra - Wageningen UR (NL).

**2014- 2015** - Responsible for the analyses on mammals in the European project “Bioscore 2” led by Alterra - Wageningen UR (NL).

## **Education**

**2015** - PhD in Animal Biology, 27/3/2015, Department of Biology and Biotechnologies “Charles Darwin”, Sapienza University in Rome. Thesis: "Dispersal in large-scale conservation analyses on mammals: a trait-based approach". Supervisor: Dr. Carlo Rondinini.

**2010** - Masters degree in Natural Science "Nature conservation", 6/10/2010, La Sapienza University in Rome. Mark 110/110 cum laude. Thesis: "The activity pattern in *Lemur catta* and his ecological correlates in two gallery forests, south-east Madagascar". Supervisors: Dr. Giuseppe Donati (Oxford Brookes University and Pisa University) and Prof. Luigi Boitani (La Sapienza University, Rome).

**2008** - Bachelor degree in Natural Science, 7/07/2008, La Sapienza University in Rome. Mark 110/110. Thesis: “The Brachininae of Italian fauna: Corology and zoogeography”. Supervisor: Prof. Augusto Vigna Taglianti.

**2004** - High school diploma, 2004, Liceo Virgilio, mark 90/100.

## **Postgraduate courses**

**2017** - “A primer of causal inference for conservation biologists”. Cartagena, Colombia. 20th Jul.. Lecturer: Achaz Von Hardenberg.

**2014** - "International Summer School on Bayesian Modelling: An Introduction for Ecologists and Environmental Scientists", Heathland Centre, Island of Lygra, Norway. 15th-19th Sept. Lecturers: Joe Chipperfield, Florian Hartig and Jörn Pagel. Course run in partnership with and supported by University of Bergen, University of Freiburg and University of Hohenheim.

**2012** - "Modelling dispersal and connectivity in fragmented landscapes", UFZ in Leipzig, Germany. 21st-25th May, 2012. Lecturers: Guy Pe'er (organizer), Justin Travis, Greta Bocedi, Andreas Schmitz, Gunnar Oehmichen, Reinhard Klenke, Karin Frank, Karin Johst, Jenny Hodgson.

## **Spoken languages**

- Italian: Mother tongue
- English: Advanced written and spoken

- TOEFL IBT, score 107/120, 2011

- First Certificate in English, British Institutes, 2010.

- Spanish: Intermediate written, Advanced spoken
- Homologation certificate to Spanish high school diploma (Homologaciòn al Titulo de Bachiller), Ministerio de Educaciòn y Ciencia, 2005.
- French: Elementary, written and spoken

### **Computer skills**

- Advanced knowledge of R programming, GRASS GIS, QGIS, Photoshop, Office, OpenOffice
- Good knowledge of PostgreSQL and BASH programming
- Elementary knowledge of Matlab and Python

### **Member of scientific societies:**

**2013-present:** Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)

**2014-present:** Italian Theriological Society (ATIt)

### **Grants (PI = Principal investigator)**

**2022** - Fondi Ateneo 2021: “ClimExp: Assessing species' exposure to climate change to support extinction risk assessments for the IUCN Red List” (14,800 Euro + postdoc contract 23.787 Euro) (**PI**)

**2020** - “Testing automated approaches to prioritise IUCN Red List reassessments”, Global Wildlife Conservation. (27,815.21 Euro) (**PI**)

**2020** - “Accelerating IUCN Red List assessments for rapid and effective biodiversity monitoring (sRedList)” (216,835.6 Euro at iDiv in Leipzig for 3 years of workshops, 2(+1)-year postdoc, and postdoc travelling expenses). (**PI**)

**2017** - Veni grant 2017 (NWO, The Netherlands). Project 016.Veni.181.031 “The role of Megafauna in shaping ecosystems: insights into rewilding” (249,900 Euro) (**PI**)

**2017** - PBL grant for Project n. 31129795 “Habitat suitability modelling for amphibians at the global scale” (20,660 Euro).

**2015** - Grant for research project from Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. Fondi di avvio alla ricerca 2014: “Hotspots of mammal species at risk from climate change: the role of life history traits and external pressure” (9000 euro).

**2014** - Money grant for young researchers project from Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. Fondi di avvio alla ricerca 2014: “Connectivity of the global network of protected areas for terrestrial mammals” (2000 Euro) (**PI**)

### **Awards**

**2016** - Daikin award 2016 for the best PhD thesis in Conservation Biology (2000 Euro)

**2013** - ATIT Best paper award 2014. “Santini et al. 2013. Ecological correlates of dispersal distance in terrestrial mammals. *It J Mamm* 24(2): 1-6” (500 Euro)

**2011** - API award 2011 for best oral presentations (250 Euro)

### **Fellowships**

**2020** - Rita Levi Montalcini Fellowship, project: “Automatizing extinction risk assessments for efficient biodiversity

monitoring” (185,181.44 Euro)

**2015** - ATIT fellowship to attend the workshop “The impact of climate changes on animal populations”. 9-14 November. Erice, Italy (500 Euro)

**2015** - Brusarosco Award 2015 for best project of young researcher, supporting 5 months of research at Laboratoire d’Ecologie Alpine in Grenoble under the supervision of Dr. Wilfried Thuiller (5000 Euro)

**2015** - ECCB-ICCB Travel Reimbursement Award 2015 to attend ICCB-ECCB in Montpellier, France (250 Euro)

**2014** - Fellowship from the Cost Action “HarmBio” for “Short Term Scientific Mission 2014” at Aberdeen University, UK (2500 Euro)

**2013** - Fellowship from the Cost Action “HarmBio” for “Short Term Scientific Mission 2013” at Aberdeen University, UK (1800 Euro)

**2011** - EFP fellowship to attend the Conference "4<sup>th</sup> EFP 2011, Almada, Portugal" (250 Euro)

**2011** - API fellowship to attend the Conference "4<sup>th</sup> EFP 2011, Almada, Portugal" (250 Euro)

**2006** - "Borsa di collaborazione" 2006-2007, Department of Animal and Human Biology, Università “La Sapienza”

**2005** - "Borsa di collaborazione" 2005-2006, Department of Animal and Human Biology, Università “La Sapienza”

### **Teaching and Supervised thesis**

**2022 – ongoing** - Bachelor course “Wildlife Biology and Conservation” at Sapienza University of Rome (6 CFU).

**2020 - ongoing** - Master course “Vertebrate Zoology” at Sapienza University of Rome (6 CFU).

**2019** - Bachelor course “Introduction to R programming for biologists” at Radboud University (3 CFU).

**2018-2019** - Master course “Biodiversity and ecological assessment” at Radboud University (3 CFU).

**2016-2017** - Lectures in the module “Protected areas assessment and planning” in the Master course “Biodiversity and ecological assessment” at Radboud University.

**2012-2014** - Gave lectures concerning animal dispersal, habitat connectivity and fragmentation in the Master course in Conservation Biology held by Dr. Carlo Rondinini (2012-2014). Sapienza University of Rome.

### **Teaching seminars and short courses**

**2021** - “Introductory lecture on species distribution theory and modelling” within the Training school “A primer on Species Distribution Modeling in ecology and conservation”, 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**2018** - Seminar on “The use of Machine Learning approaches in Ecological Research” for the PhD students of the Department of Environmental Science at Radboud University. 8 May 2018.

**2014** - Seminar on “Programming in R” to the PhD students of Environmental and Evolutionary Biology at Sapienza Università di Roma. 26 March 2014.

### **Student supervision**

#### **Bachelor students**

**2014** - Jacopo Pagani, “L’influenza dei tratti biologici sul tasso di dispersione dei mammiferi terrestri”. Sapienza

Università di Roma.

**2012** - Simona Picardi, "Il dispersal nei mammiferi e le sue implicazioni in conservazione". Sapienza Università di Roma.

#### Master students

**2019 - 2020** - Shibely Soto, "Assessing connectivity among protected areas for the Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) in Mexico". Radboud University.

**2019 - 2020** - Giordano Mancini, "Habitat fragmentation effect on the risk of extinction of neotropical primates". Sapienza University of Rome.

**2018 - 2019** - Steven Kelderman, "Patterns of functional diversity across environmental gradients". Radboud University.

**2018** - Thomas Hamersma, "Predator-prey size relationship in mammals". Radboud University.

**2018** - Elodie Le Quellec, "Extinction risk vulnerability in Birds". Radboud University.

**2018** - Louise Prevot, "Assessing the effect of land cover change on European ungulates". Radboud University.

**2018** - Erin Henry, "Testing Bergman's rule in terrestrial vertebrates". Radboud University.

**2017** - Pedro Lorenzo Cruz, "Life history theory in vertebrates". Radboud University.

**2013 - 2014** - Giulia Cristallini, "Il ruolo del sistema di aree protette italiano nella conservazione dei mammiferi terrestri". Sapienza Università di Roma.

#### Postgraduate students

**2017 - 2018** - Marta Cimatti, "Predicting large carnivores expansion in Europe". Radboud University.

#### PhD students

**2020 – ongoing** – Davide Mirante, "The effect of ecotourism on wildlife spatial and temporal patterns". Sapienza University. (SUPERVISOR)

**2020 – ongoing** – Giordano Mancini, "Assessing species' exposure to climate change to support extinction risk assessments for the IUCN Red List". Sapienza University. (SUPERVISOR)

**2018 – ongoing** - Selwyn Hoeks, "The role of Megafauna in shaping ecosystems". Radboud University.  
(SUPERVISOR)

**2017 – ongoing** – Mirza Cengic, "Habitat suitability modelling for amphibians at the global scale". (ADVISOR)

**2017 – ongoing** – Juan Gallego Zamorano, "Quantifying biodiversity responses to human pressures: a cross-scale approach". (ADVISOR)

**2016 – ongoing** – Melinda de Jonge, "Accounting for species interactions in species distribution modelling".  
(ADVISOR)

**2016 – ongoing** - Coline Boonman, "Functional trait based vegetation modelling". Radboud University.  
(SUPERVISOR)

#### **Participation to evaluation committees**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2019** - External examiner of the MSc thesis of Calyne Nasambu Khamila “Assessing the trade-off between forest productivity and animal biodiversity” at Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation Faculty of the University of Twente.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020** - External examiner of the PhD defence of Harith Omar Morgadinho Farooq “Toward Data-Driven Biodiversity Conservation in Africa” at the Aveiro University in Portugal.

### **Participation to selection committees**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2017** - Selection of one PhD student at the Environmental Science Department in Radboud University within the VENI project n. 016.Veni.181.031.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016** - Selection of two PhD students at the Environmental Science Department in Radboud University within the ERC project n. 647224.

### **Workshops**

**2016** - Bioscore 2.0 concluding workshop. 21 June, Spoorwegmuseum in Utrecht (NL).

**2015** - Invited expert in the workshop “Protected Area connectivity: an assessment for Aichi target 11”. 17 December, WCMC Cambridge.

**2015** - HARBIO Final workshop. 7 – 10 December, Museum of Natural History in South Kensington, London.

**2015** - “The impact of climate changes on animal populations”. Director: Prof. Marco Apollonio. 9-14 November, “Ettore Majorana” Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, Erice, Italy.

**2015** - HARBIO workshop. 4rd meeting of WG1, 19 – 21 January, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDIV) in Leipzig, Germany.

**2014** - BioScore 2.0 Workshop. 16 October. Mundo-b, Bruxelles, Belgium.

**2014** - HARBIO workshop. 3rd meeting of WG1, WG2, WG4, 2nd meeting of WG3. 8 – 10 April, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDIV) in Leipzig, Germany.

**2013** - “KBA Thresholds workshop”, IUCN Key Biodiversity Areas. 1-5 December. Sapienza University at the Fondazione BioParco in Rome.

**2013** - “Modelling dispersal”, Bia owie a, Poland13-17 May. Organizer: Dr. Kamil Barto and Dr. Justin Travis.

**2012** - HARBIO workshop. 1rd meeting of WG1 and WG2. 8 – 9 November, Sapienza Università di Roma.

### **Events organization**

**2015** - Symposium “The (macro)ecology of animal species decline” at the “Ecology at the interface” congress, 21-25th September, Rome.

**2021** - Training school on: “A primer on Species Distribution Modeling in ecology and conservation”, 14th-15<sup>th</sup> October, Online event.

### **Invited seminars**

**2021** - “The human footprint on macroecological patterns in the Anthropocene” (~20 minutes). 18/11/2021. Environmental Research 2021 virtual conference.

**2020** - “Patterns of population density in terrestrial vertebrates and their application in conservation” (~50 minutes).  
10/11/2020. Department of Zoology, Oxford University.

**2019** - “The biodiversity crisis and global conservation assessments” (~ 45 minutes) within the project “Deaf Communication without a Shared Language ”. Prof. O.A. Crasborn, Radboud University.

## Congresses

**2019** - ICCB Congress, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 22-25 Jul. 1 Oral communication: “Parameter settings and uncertainty in modelling species distribution under climate change” and 1 Poster: “Assessing the accuracy population density predictions in mammals for conservation analyses”.

**2019** - IBS International Biogeography Society Conference, Malaga, Spain, 8-12 Jan. 2 Posters.

**2018** - BES Macroecology conference, St. Andrew, Scotland, 10-11 July. 1 Poster: “One strategy doesn't fit all: determinants of urban adaptation in mammals”.

**2017** - ESA EO Open Science Conference, Frascati, Italy, 25-28 Sep. Oral communication: “Using land use time series to monitor species extinction risk under the Red List framework”.

**2017** - ICCB Congress, Cartagena, Colombia, 22-26 July. Oral communication: “Predicting population density for conservation applications”

**2017** - BES Macroecology conference, London, UK. Poster 1: “Global drivers of population density in terrestrial vertebrates”; Poster 2: “Shifting baselines in macroecology”.

**2016** - SItE/UZI/SIB Congress, 30<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Milan. Oral communication: “What determines population abundance in animals? Life-history and environmental correlates of population density in terrestrial vertebrates and perspectives for predictions”.

**2015** - EEF/SItE Ecology at the Interface, 21-25th September, Rome. Oral communication: “Human driven body size reduction of terrestrial mammal communities”. Poster: “Human pressures predict species’ geographic range size better than biological traits”.

**2015** - ICCB 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology / 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology, August 2-6, Montpellier - France. Oral communication: “Modeling spread rate in terrestrial mammals and the ability to track a shifting climate: a trait space approach”. Posters: “Connectivity of the global network of protected areas”; “Human pressures predict species’ geographic range size better than biological traits”.

**2014** - XI ATIT Congress, Civitella Alfedena, Italy, 7-10 May. Oral communication: “Biological determinants of spreading rate in terrestrial mammals”. Poster: “Connectivity of the global network of protected areas for terrestrial mammals”.

**2013** - XI INTECOL Congress (International Congress of Ecology) in London, England, 18-23 August. Poster: “Shifting gap analysis goals from representation to persistence”.

**2012** - ECCB Congress (European Congress of Conservation Biology) in Glasgow, Scotland, from 28/8 to 1/9. Oral communication: “New Methods to Define Spatially Discrete Mammal Populations”.

**2011** - 4th EFP Congress (European Federation for Primatology) in Almada, Portugal, 14-17 September. Oral communication: “Cathemeral activity in Ring-tailed Lemurs, *Lemur catta*”.

**2011** - XX API's National congress (National primatological association) in Parco Natura Viva (VR), 10-13 April. Oral communication: “An (Un)expected Nocturnal Life: 24h Activity in Ring-tailed Lemurs”.

## Publications

1. **Santini L.**, Benitez-Lopez A., Dormann C.F., Huijbregts M.A.J. 2022. Population density estimates for

- terrestrial mammals. *Global Ecology & Biogeography*, doi: 10.1111/geb.13476
- 2. Stewart P., Voskamp A., **Santini L.**, Biber M., Devenish A. Hof C., Willis S., Tobias J. 2022. Global Impacts of Climate Change on Avian Functional Diversity. *Ecology Letters* 25(3): 673-685
  - 3. Boonman C.C.F., Huijbregts M.A.J., Benítez-López A., Schipper, A.M., Thuiller W., **Santini L.** 2022. Trait-based projections of climate change effects on global biome distributions. *Diversity & Distributions* 28: 25-37
  - 4. Cazalis V., Di Marco M., Butchart, S.H.M., Akçakaya H.R., González- Suárez M, Meyer C., Clausnitzer V., Böhm M., Zizka A., Cardoso A., Schipper A.M., Bachman S.P., Young B.E., Hoffmann M., Benítez-López A., Lucas P.M., Pettorelli N., Patoine G., Pacifici M., Jörger-Hickfang T., Brooks T.M., Rondinini C., Hill S.L.L., Visconti P., **Santini L.** 2022. Bridging the research-implementation gap in IUCN Red List assessments. *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*, doi: 10.1016/j.tree.2021.12.002
  - 5. Sistri G., Menchetti M., **Santini L.**, Pasquali L., Sapienti S., Cini A., Platania L., Balletto E., Barbero F., Bonelli S., Casacci L., Dinca V., Vila R., Mantoni C., Fattorini S., Dapporto L. 2021. The isolated *Erebia pandrose* Apennine population is genetically unique and endangered by climate change. *Insect Conservation and Diversity* 15(1): 136-148
  - 6. **Santini L.**, Antão L., Jung M., Benítez-López A., Rapacciulo G., Di Marco M., Jones F., Haghkerdar J.M., González-Suárez M. 2021. The interface between Macroecology and Conservation: existing links and untapped opportunities. *Frontiers of Biogeography* 13(4): e53025
  - 7. Wang, Y.X.G., Matson, K.D., **Santini L.**, Visconti P., Hilbers J., Huijbregts M.A.J., Xu Y., Prins H.H.T., Dobson A., Allen T., Huang Z.Y.X., de Boer W.F. 2021. Mammal assemblage composition predicts global patterns in emerging infectious disease risk. *Global Change Biology*, doi: 10.1111/gcb.15784
  - 8. Hoeks S., Tucker M.A., Huijbregts M.A.J., Harfoot M.B.J., Bithell M., **Santini L.** 2021. MadingleyR: an R package for mechanistic ecosystem modelling. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 30(9): 1922-1933
  - 9. Buschke F.T., Hagan J.G., **Santini L.**, Coetzee B.W.T. 2021. Random population fluctuations bias the Living Planet Index. *Nature Ecology and Evolution* 5: 1145–1152
  - 10. de Jonge, M.M.J., Benítez-López A., Hennekens S., **Santini L.**, Huijbregts M.A.J., Schipper, A.M. 2021. Conditional love? Co-occurrence patterns of drought-sensitive species in European grasslands are consistent with the stress-gradient hypothesis. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 30(8): 1609-1620
  - 11. Boonman C., **Santini L.**, Robroek B., Hoeks S., Dengler J., Bergamini A. Biurrun I., Carranza M.L., Cerabolini B., Chytrý M., Lysenko T., Stanisci A., Tatarenko I., Huijbregts M.A.J. (2021). Plant functional and taxonomic diversity in European grasslands along climatic gradients. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 32(3): e13027
  - 12. **Santini L.**, Isaac N.J.B. (2021) Rapid Anthropocene realignment of allometric scaling rules. *Ecology Letters*, doi: 10.1111/ELE.13743
  - 13. **Santini L.**, Benítez-López A., Maiorano L., Čengić M., Huijbregts, M.A.J. Assessing the reliability of species distribution projections in climate change research. *Diversity & Distributions* 27(6): 1035-1050
  - 14. Conenna I., **Santini L.**, Cabeza M., Rocha R., Monadjem A., Russo D. (2021) Global patterns of functional trait variation along aridity gradients in bats. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 30(5):1014-1029
  - 15. Benítez-López A., **Santini L.**, Gallego-Zamorano J., Milà B., Walkden P., Huijbregts M., Tobias J.A. 2020. The island rule explains consistent patterns of body size evolution across terrestrial vertebrates. *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, doi: 10.1038/s41559-021-01426-y

16. Cimatti M., Ranc N., Benítez-López A., Maiorano L., Boitani L., Cagnacci F., Čengić M., Ciucci P., Huijbregts M.A.J., Krofel M., López Bao J., Selva N., Andren H., Bautista C., Cirovic D., Hemmingmoore H., Reinhardt I., Marenč M., Mertzanis Y., Pedrotti L., Trbojević I., Zetterberg A., Zwijacz-Kozica T., **Santini L.** 2020. Large carnivore expansion in Europe is associated with human population density and land cover changes. *Diversity & Distributions* 27(4): 602-617
17. Gonzalez-Suarez M., Gonzalez-Voyer A., von Hardenberg A., **Santini L.** 2020. The role of brain size on population density in mammals. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 90(3): 653-661
18. Tucker M., **Santini L.**, Carbone C., Mueller T. 2020. Mammal population densities at a global scale are higher in human-modified areas. *Ecography* doi: 10.1111/ecog.05126
19. Hoeks S., Huijbregts M.A.J., Busana M., Harfoot M.B.J., Svenning J-C , **Santini L.** 2020. Mechanistic insights into the role of large carnivores for ecosystem structure and functioning. *Ecography* doi: 10.1111/ecog.05191
20. Dallas T., **Santini L.**, Decker R., Hasting A. 2020. Weighing the evidence for the abundant-centre hypothesis. *Biodiversity Informatics* 15(3): 81-91
21. Dallas T., Pironon S., **Santini L.** 2020. The abundant-centre is not all that abundant: a comment to Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020. bioRxiv doi: 10.1101/2020.02.27.968586
22. Benítez-López A., **Santini L.**, Gallego-Zamorano J., Milà B., Walkden P., Huijbregts M., Tobias J.A. 2020. The island rule explains consistent patterns of body size evolution across terrestrial vertebrates. bioRxiv doi: 10.1101/2020.05.25.114835
23. Dallas T., **Santini L.** 2020. The influence of stochasticity, landscape structure, and species traits on abundant-centre relationships. *Ecography* doi: 10.1111/ecog.05164
24. Boonman C.C.F., Benítez-López A., Schipper A.M., Thuiller W., Anand M., Cerabolini B.E.L, Cornelissen J.H.C., Gonzalez-Melo A., Hattingh W.N., Higuchi P., Laughlin D.C., Onipchenko V.G., Peñuelas J., Poorter L., Soudzilovskaia N.A., Huijbregts M.A.J., **Santini L.** 2020. Assessing the reliability of predicted plant trait distributions at the global scale. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 29(6): 1034-1051
25. Donati G., Campera M., Crescent M., Balestri M., Barresi M., Kesch K., Ndremifidy K., Philemon, Rabenantoandro J., Racevska E., Randriatafika F., Ravaolahy M., Ravoahangy A.M., Roma M., Rowe F., **Santini L.**, Serra V., Zander S.L., Tsagnangara C., Vincelette M., Ramanamanjato J.B. 2020. Life in a fragment: evolution of foraging strategies of translocated collared brown lemurs, *Eulemur collaris*, over an 18-year period. *American Journal of Primatology* 82(4): e23106
26. Eppley T., **Santini L.**, Tinsman J., Donati G. Do functional traits offset the effects of fragmentation? The case of large-bodied diurnal lemur species. *American Journal of Primatology* 82(4): e23104
27. Gallego-Zamorano J., Benítez- López A., **Santini L.**, Hilbers J.P., Huijbregts M.A.J., Schipper A.M. 2020. Combined effects of land use and hunting on distributions of tropical mammals. *Conservation Biology*. doi: 10.1111/cobi.13459
28. Benítez-López A., **Santini L.** 2020. Game of Tenure: the role of “hidden” citations on researchers’ ranking in Ecology. *Frontiers of Biogeography* 12(1): e45195e
29. Sykes L., **Santini L.**, Etard A., Newbold T. 2020. Effects of rarity form on species’ responses to land use. *Conservation Biology* 34(3): 688-696
30. Campera M., **Santini L.**, Balestri M., Nekaris K.A.I., Donati G. Elevation gradients of lemur abundance

emphasise the importance of Madagascar's lowland rainforest for conservation of endemic taxa. *Mammal Review* 50(1): 25-37

31. Burns K., **Santini L.**, Zhan A. 2019. Building a better future for Diversity & Distributions. *Diversity & Distributions* 25(7): 1010-1011
32. Benítez-López A., **Santini L.**, Schipper A.M., Busana M., Huijbregts M.A.J. 2019. Intact but empty forests? Patterns of hunting-induced mammal defaunation in the tropics. *PLoS Biology* 17(5): e3000247
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## **Experience in the field**

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- Between March and December 2008 I collaborated regularly as a volunteer with rescue centre of wild animals in Rome “Lipu”.
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