

Bio - Caitlyn Toropova

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Caitlyn Toropova is now the MPA Coordination Officer housed at IUCN US and working between The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International and WCPA-Marine. Caitlyn started her professional life as a marine mammal biologist, working primarily in behavior and acoustics. After completing her master's degree on grey whale behavior and residency patterns, Caitlyn worked in wildlife filmmaking and eventually founded a company that brought at-risk students into the marine environment through in-the-water conservation projects. Looking to broaden her professional reach she joined the Nature Conservancy as an applied scientist for the Global Marine Team in 2006. There she was tasked with coordinating work on marine ecosystem based management, ecosystem services and coral reef resilience, and undertaking a global shellfish condition analysis. She has co-authored multiple papers on these subjects and presented at international conferences throughout her tenure.

Her current position goals are to implement the PPOs "commitment tracker" and "review" process, raise the profile of MPAs to increase progress towards the 2012 marine protected areas goal, highlight successes and challenges of MPA development and implementation at international events, and bring partners together to increase synergies and momentum for implementing marine protected areas globally.