

Bio – Jennifer Palmer

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For the past 10 years, Jennifer Palmer has worked as a marine conservation scientist and communicator with an aim to expand and support collaborative conservation networks from diverse regions, backgrounds and cultures all around the world.

Jennifer is currently working with IUCN's Global Marine Program as Marine Program Officer for IUCN's Washington, DC office and also coordinates the DC Marine Community (DCMC)—a diverse network of over 550 participants, including non-governmental organizations (NGO's), government agencies, foundations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, fellowship programs, and independent consultants and academia/students.

She received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California at Santa Cruz and her Master's degree in Applied Ecology and Conservation from the international program of University of East Anglia (UK). Prior to her graduate research on the conservation of sea turtles in Costa Rica, she worked with several non-profit, government and private sectors such as the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Marine Conservation Biology Institute, University of St. Andrew's Sea Mammal Research Unit, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, and the Ocean Institute.

Jennifer's extensive field experience has led her to research endangered Hawaiian monk seals, albatross and green sea turtles while living on one of the worlds most remote coral atoll chains, now known as the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. During this time she assisted National Geographic's CRITTERCAM series and Jean-Michel Cousteau's PBS series *Voyage to Kure*. Prior to Hawaii, she joined Ocean Alliance's *R/V Odyssey* expedition, a scientific voyage that circum-navigated the globe to study the health of the world's oceans and whale populations. Through this experience, she sailed across the Pacific Ocean collaborating with cultures across Baja, Galapagos Islands, Marqueses, Republic of Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Australia. Additionally, she has been a naturalist/researcher from Alaska to Mexico, researching and educating about gray whales, humpback whales, blue whales, harbor seals, northern elephant seals and CA sea lions.

In her personal time, Jennifer trains in rock climbing, yoga, and dance, is an avid hiker and photographer, and remains actively involved as a mentor with international youth leadership programs such as Ocean Revolution.