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Sarah Gotheil joined IUCN Global Marine Programme in December 2005. She supports her team and the projects undertaken by the Global Marine Programme. She helps coordinating projects dealing with western gray whale conservation, seamounts, protected areas and ocean governance. She is also active in the “Young Professionals” group and represents interns at the Staff Liaison Committee (SLC).

She received a degree in Social Sciences from the University of Lausanne, and wrote her thesis on the ACCOBAMS Agreement (the Convention for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas). She has also worked as a volunteer for several years in the field of marine species conservation. She joined the Swiss Cetacean Society in 2001 as an active member, a Swiss NGO based in Lausanne and dealing with the conservation of cetaceans, and co-directed the organization in 2004. This experience gave her the opportunity to participate in sailing expeditions on the Mediterranean for the census of whales and dolphins and to meet with other people passionate about marine conservation, sailing and marine mammals. After graduating from University and before joining IUCN, she worked as a volunteer for a few month in a Marine Park in the Dutch Antilles. The major part of her work there was to coordinate an awareness raising campaign on the conservation of sea turtles.

During her studies, between 1999 and 2005, she also accomplished frequent temporary assignments at Novartis Consumer Health SA in the Marketing and Human Resources Departments.