

# **Maria Fernanda Tomaselli**

## **Personal Data**

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## **Profile**

I believe my strength is human relations, because I am capable of working and relating very well with people. I have a general knowledge about conservation and forestry issues since I worked in different projects with residents of Galapagos Islands and indigenous groups in the Amazon Rainforest. I consider myself to be very enthusiastic and passionate about environmental and forestry issues.

## **Education**

- University of British Columbia – January 2009 to present date  
MSc. Candidate in the Forests and Society Program
- San Francisco de Quito University – August 1999 to September 2004  
B.S. in Environmental Communication – GPA: 3.62 Cum Laude  
Thesis: “Ecological Footprint Investigation in San Francisco de Quito University: Measurement and Documentary Creation.”
- American School of Quito – September 1985 to June 1999.  
Bachelor in Social Sciences

## **Professional Experience**

- Sustainable Forest Management Corporation, COMAFORS - Institutional Coordinator  
February 2007 to December 2008.  
Responsible for the communication projects of the corporation and member of the management committee of the communication campaign for Ecuador’s Forestry Sector.
- Environmental Ministry of Ecuador, PRODERENA and COMAFORS – July to December 2008.  
Editor of the publication “Guide for the Implementation of Incentives, for the Sustainable Forestry Development in Ecuador”.

- Kapawi Ecologde and Reserve - Naturalist Guide - July 2004 to February 2006.  
Responsible for guiding guests that came to visit the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest. My main objective was to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity and conservation of tropical rainforests.
- Applied Ecology Institute of San Francisco University ECOLAP, University of Wisconsin Volunteer - October 2003  
I conducted environmental education workshops with children who study or live close to "Selva Viva Protected Forest," showing them the importance of the conservation of the pygmy marmoset (*Callithrix pygmaea*).
- Applied Ecology Institute of San Francisco University ECOLAP, University of Wisconsin Field assistant - July 2003  
Registered daily patterns of pygmy marmoset (*Callithrix pygmaea*) and record of vocalizations in "Selva Viva Protected Forest."
- Galapagos National Park - Professional Internship - July to December 2002.  
Responsible for the educational and communication component of the recycling program in Santa Cruz Island. I worked very closely with schools, local community and media, raising awareness of the importance of proper waste management.

### **Courses and Seminars**

- Presenter of the workshop "Global Warming and its consequences" for teachers at the American School of Quito, October 10 and 17, 2007.
- Participation in the Seminar "Compensation mechanisms of multiple environmental services: synergies between biodiversity conservation, desertification and local development" organized by Conservation International, in Quito, February 2007.
- Participation in the workshop "Logical Frameworks in projects formulation and evaluation" organized by Charles Darwin Scientific Station in Galápagos, October 2002.
- Presenter in the "International Workshop of Waste Management in Oceanic Islands" organized by Puerto Ayora local government, in Galapagos Islands, September 2002.

### **Awards**

- Organization of American States (OAS) Placed Scholarship
- National Secretary of Science and Technology of Ecuador Scholarship
- UBC International Partial Tuition Scholarship
- UBC Faculty of Forestry Graduate Award