

# Chiara Grasso



**Ethologist – Safari (field) guide – Environmental guide  
Science Communicator- Environmental Educator  
Ethical naturalistic travel consultant**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

🚩 **B&B Naturin-** *Owner and manager*

OCTOBER 2021 - PRESENT

Our farm, environmental education center and sustainable B&B

🚩 **LaZampa (LaStampa – Gedi)-** *Freelance journalist*

APRIL 2022 - PRESENT

Writer about ethology and wildlife conservation

🚩 **Rivista della Natura – Edinat** - *Freelance journalist*

JAN 2021 - PRESENT

Writer about ethology and wildlife conservation

🚩 **Strade Nuove** - *Freelance journalist*

SEPT 2021 - PRESENT

Writer about ethology and wildlife conservation

🚩 **Bioparco di Roma-** *Member of the board of directors*

MARCH 2021 – MAY 2022

The principal and most ancient zoological garden in Rome

🚩 **Edizioni Sonda / Edizioni Lindau** - *Writer*

OCTOBER 2020 – PRESENT

“Viaggia green nella Natura” guide for sustainable travel (ISBN: 9788872240830)

“Brutti sporchi e cattivi, ma utilissimi” book for children (ISBN: 9788833537061)

🚩 **Arma dei Carabinieri Rivista “#Natura”** – *Freelance journalist*

DECEMBER 2020 - PRESENT

Scientific writer for the journal of the Security Institution of the State

✚ **ACT Accademia creative del turismo – Professor**

DECEMBER 2020 - PRESENT

Professor for the lesson: “Ethic tourism with animals” for the Master “Sustainable tourism”

✚ **LIFEGATE – Content creator**

DECEMBER 2020 - 2021

Speaker for the rubric: “Wild Angle” - Volunteering

✚ **ETICOSCIENZA (Turin, Italy) – Creator, President, Event organization, Marketing, Science communication and Environmental education**

MAY 2018 – PRESENT

Environmental Organization of Animal Ethics, Ecotourism, Events and Science Communication

✚ **La casa del fiume (Parco Fluviale Gesso Stura) - Field research, Environmental education, Science communication, Event organization**

JANUARY 2019 – JULY 2019

Servizio Civile Nazionale

✚ **KSTR - Kids Saving the Rainforest (Quepos, Costa Rica) - Wildlife Manager and Head Zookeeper**

JUNE 2018 – AUGUST 2018

Wildlife Sanctuary - Rescue and Rehabilitation Center

✚ **Rivista Micron (Perugia, Italy) - Science Writer**

FEBRUARY 2018 – 2019

Scientific Magazine by A.R.P.A. Umbria

✚ **Monkeyland, (Plettenberg Bay, South Africa) - Naturalistic guide and Researcher**

NOVEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018 / DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

Free-Roaming Primate Sanctuary

✚ **Universidad Cardenal Herrera, Oceanografic, BioParc Valencia - Trainee and Researcher**

JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2017

“Universidad Cardenal Herrera” - Stage and Thesis Project (Erasmus)

✚ **ProPosition Management Search – Head Hunter**

NOVEMBER 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015

Trainee and Stage

✚ **Samarcanda / Staff and Play – Touristic entertainer**

MAY-SEPTEMBER 2012 / MAY-SEPTEMBER 2015

Touristic Villages adult, young and children entertainment and nocturnal shows.

## EDUCATION

✚ **GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) – Online Course**

APRIL 2021 – JULY 2021

Certificate of Sustainable Tourism

✚ **UNIVERSITÀ NICCOLO CUSANO – Master**

SEPTEMBER 2020 - 2021

Environmental education and sustainable development

✚ **BACK UP TRAILS GUIDE – FGASA CERTIFICATION - Ulovane Environmental training**

13 JANUARY 2020 – 29 FEBRUARY 2020

Theoretical walking safari (Southern Africa) – Tracking I Level (75%) Cybertracker – Firearms certificate

✚ **NQF2 APPRENTICE FIELD GUIDE – FGASA CERTIFICATION - Ulovane Environmental training**

01 OCTOBER 2019 – 07 DECEMBER 2019

Safari field guide (Southern Africa) – First Aid II level in remote areas

✚ **University of Turin, (Italy) - Master's Degree (106/110)**

OCTOBER 2015 – 17 OCTOBER 2017

Ethology - Evolution of Animal and Human Behaviour, Faculty of Natural Sciences

✚ **“Universidad Cardenal Herrera”, Valencia – Erasmus Traineeship Program**

JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2017

Courses, Stage and Thesis Project -Faculty of Veterinary and Ethology

✚ **University of Turin, (Italy) - Bachelor's Degree (92/110)**

SEPTEMBER 2011 – 17 MARCH 2015

Psychology

✚ **“Universidad Complutense”, Madrid – Erasmus Program**

SEPTEMBER 2013- JUNE 2014

Courses, Exams - Faculty of Psychology

✚ **Liceo Linguistico “Giordano Bruno” (Turin, Italy) – Linguistic High School (82/100)**

SEPTEMBER 2006- JULY 2011

## VOLUNTEERING / MEMBERSHIP

- ✚ **PlasticFree Italia** – *Member of the scientific committee*  
FEB 2022 - PRESENT  
Community, Environmental Organization
  
- ✚ **5Terre Accademy** – *Member of the scientific committee*  
APRIL 2022 - PRESENT  
Community, Environmental Organization
  
- ✚ **IUCN CEC** – *Member of the scientific committee*  
APRIL 2022 - PRESENT  
Community, Environmental Organization
  
- ✚ **WWF YOUng, (Italy)** - *Science communication – Events coordinator*  
JANUARY 2018 -DECEMBER 2018  
Community, Environmental Organization
  
- ✚ **SHELTER (Settimo, Turin)** – *Volunteer and dog behaviouralist*  
JULY 2014 – JULY 2017
  
- ✚ **Monkeyland (Plettenberg Bay, South Africa)** -
  - *Scientific project: ethological project- species interaction and visitor's experiences survey.*
  - *Naturalist guide in spanish and italian through the forest.*
  - *Ethological and manutention help.*NOVEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018 / DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020  
Free-Roaming Primate Sanctuary
  
- ✚ **Putna-Vrancea National Park, (Romania)** – *Researcher in field*  
JULY 2017  
Mammals tracking
  
- ✚ **WWF, OASI (Policoro)** - *Ethologist - Science communication*  
JULY – AUGUST 2016  
Naturalistic Oasi
  
- ✚ **ZOOM (Zoo Cumiana, Turin)** - *Ethologist - Science communication*  
JULY – AUGUST 2015  
Immersion BioParc

## PERSONAL SKILLS

**Mother tongue** - Italian

**Foreign languages** -

- **Spanish** level C2 (97,5% - UCM Certificado de Idioma)
- **English** level B2 (FIRST certificate)
- **French** level B2.2 (DELF)

**Driving licence** - B

**Job-related skills** –

- **GIS** (GPS Software)
- **BORIS** (Animal Behaviour software)
- **PRAAT** (Bioacoustic software)
- **R and SPSS** (Statistics and Data Analysis software)
- **Microsoft systems** (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

**Courses**

- Workshop **identifying Italian tracks** of Marco Colombo – 24-25/10/2020
- Workshop "**Educational lab on science communication**" – Frame – Torino 07-08/06/2019
- Abilitation to be **Environmental guide (GAE)** – Formont – 320 hours course – 05/06/2019
- **Neuroscience of environmental education** - Asilo nel bosco - Ciriè (TO), 12/05/2019
- **Environmental education** – Legambiente class (24 hours – 11/18 april 2019)
- **Safety at work course for risk prevention and protection** (12 hours – april 2019)
- **Beekeeping course** - 25 hours practical and theoretical - Aspromiele
- **Scienze-Naturali.it (OISN)** – 2018 – Scientific communication - Online course
- **Master class of scientific communication** - FameLab international (2018)
- **First aid certificate BLS-D**- DAN-Europe (2017)
- **Human facial expression and proxemics scientific decoding** - 2016 - Master I and II levels (NCS - NeuroComScience)
- **Theatre academy** 2015- 2018 (Accademia Attori, Turin, Italy)
- **Photography course** (Sept-Nov 2017)

**Communication skills:** *Good communication skills gained through my works as animator, my theatre experiences, science communication work and as manager task. I have reached good level of communication also thanks of my Erasmus and volunteering experiences with difference cultures.*

**Organisational / managerial skills:** *I have a good level of Leadership, Work in team and Communication. I've developed an excellent level of Organization, Identifying problems Conflict resolution, Public Speaking and Multitasking.*

## AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- ✚ Track and sign I level (75%) **Cybertracker** – assessor: Adriaan Louw (22.02.2020)
- ✚ **First Aid in Remote Areas** II Level (SouthAfrica – 07.10.2020)
- ✚ **Speaker at TEDxRovigo** 21.09.2019 talk titled: "What they don't tell you about wildlife tourism"
- ✚ **Member of SIE**, Italian society of ethology (25.09.2019)
- ✚ Enabling to be **Environmental guide (GAE)** – Formont – 320 hours course – 05/06/2019
  
- ✚ **1° Winner of Local Final and National Final of FameLab Italy – 2018 -**  
*Contest in Science Communication*
- ✚ **Scienze-Naturali.it (OISN) – 2018 - Course in Science Writing**
- ✚ **Pubblitesi:** My thesis: "Can we predict the social hierarchy of a group of giraffes (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) by observing the order of leaving the enclosure? A preliminary study" has been valued as one of "The best dissertations thesis in Italy" and it's uploaded in the web page "PubbliTesi" (2018)
- ✚ **BLSD – 2017 - First Aid Certification (DAN Basic Life Support Provider)**
- ✚ **Scientific coding of facial expressions and Human proximity- 2016 - Master I and II levels (NCS -NeuroComScience)**
- ✚ **EYP: Member of Youth Parliament in 2010 (Cervia, RV, Italy)**

## CONFERENCES:

- ✚ Concept, organizer, coordinator, presenter and speaker of the "**CONFERENZA ONLINE SULL'ETOLOGIA APPLICATA AL TURISMO E ALLA DIDATTICA**" – 20, 21, 22 may 2021
- ✚ **TEDx Speaker** at TEDxRovigo: "Quello che non vi dicono sul turismo con animali". 21/09/2019
- ✚ Speaker at **XXVIII CONVEGNO NAZIONALE SOCIETA' ITALIANA ETOLOGIA (SIE)** – 11 september 2019, Firenze: "Can we predict the social hierarchy of a group of giraffes (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) by observing the order of leaving the enclosure? A preliminary study"
- ✚ Scientific poster at **XXVIII CONVEGNO NAZIONALE SOCIETA' ITALIANA ETOLOGIA (SIE)** - 09-12 settembre 2019, Firenze: **Human and non-human primates: visitors' perception in a wildlife sanctuary**
- ✚ Concept, management and animation for the laboratory "**Talent show del mare: le megattere**" - **Festival del Mare**, Genova 16 maggio 2019
- ✚ Organizer, coordinator and presenter of the **I CONGRESSO NAZIONALE DI ETOLOGIA, ETICA E CONSERVAZIONE** - Roma 4/5 Maggio 2019
- ✚ **Convegno GIS "Il Bene Comune"**. "Gerarchia di un gruppo di giraffe in ambiente controllato" 27 Ottobre 2018
- ✚ **Laboratorio "Zoonosi, salute umana e rispetto del selvatico"** Festival della scienza e dell'innovazione di Settimo Torinese. 17 Ottobre 2018
- ✚ **Conferenza: "i Piedi per Terra e il naso all'insù" Ecoturismo, cambiamenti climatici, animali e territorio.** "Il giardino delle parole - Itaca Monferrato". 16 Ottobre 2018 – Asti
- ✚ Seminar organizer, speaker and moderator "**Il futuro dell'Etologia**" Organizzato da ETICOSCIENZA. Torino - 9 ottobre 2018
- ✚ **IX Convegno Nazionale per la Ricerca nei Parchi** 4 - 7 Oct 2018. Parco

Natura Viva (Bussolengo, Verona, Italy). "Human and non-human Primates: visitors' perception in a wildlife sanctuary" by Chiara Grasso, Christian Lenzi, Augusto Vitale & Simone Pollo.

- ✚ **Seminario "ZooAntropologia e fauna autoctona"** Unitre Busalla. 29 Settembre 2018
- ✚ **Conferenza: "Uomini e lupi: l'ecoturismo per superare paura e limiti culturali"** 15-16 Settembre 2018. Green Park Festival – Cuneo
- ✚ **Seminario: "University Wolf Tour"** in collaborazione con WWF YOUng e Project Wolf Ethology. 8 Marzo 2018. Aula Magna – Orto Botanico
- ✚ Organizzatrice, relatrice e moderatrice **"Seminario di Etologia Etica"** - 29 Maggio 2018. Università degli Studi di Torino.
- ✚ **VIII Convegno Nazionale per la Ricerca nei Parchi** - **"Can we predict the social hierarchy of a group of giraffes (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) by observing the order of leaving the enclosure? A preliminary study"**  
Chiara Grasso, Federico Guillén-Salazar, Elisabetta Macchi, Ester Orient-Pérez, Paula Martínez-Ros & Susana Astiz

## BOOKS:

- ✚ Chiara Grasso and Christian Lenzi: **"Viaggia green nella Natura"**, Edizioni Sonda. ISBN: 8872240832

## PUBLICATIONS:

- ✚ **GRASSO C., LENZI C., SPEIRAN S PIRRONE F.** 2020 "Anthropomorphized Nonhuman Animals in Mass Media and Their Influence on Human Attitudes Toward Wildlife" *Society and Animals*
- ✚ LENZI C., SPEIRAN S., **GRASSO C.** 2020. "Let me take a selfie": reviewing the implications of social media for public perceptions of wild animals. *Society and Animals*.
- ✚ LENZI C., **GRASSO C.**, NICOARĂ M., SAVUCA A., CIOBICĂ A., PLAVAN G-I., STRUNGARU S-A. 2019. Behavioral responses of zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) to different 2D non-moving stimuli. *Archives of Biological Sciences, OnlineFirst*. <https://doi.org/10.2298/ABS190823065L>
- ✚ ROBEA M-A., SĂVUCĂ A., STRUNGARU S-A., LENZI C., **GRASSO C.**, PLĂVAN G., CIOBÎCĂ A., NICOARĂ M. 2019. The general biological relevance of the oxidative stress status in replicating some neuropsychiatric and digestive-related manifestations in zebrafish. *Romanian Biotechnological Letter*. DOI: 10.26327/RBL2019.269
- ✚ LENZI C., **GRASSO C.**, NICOARĂ M., SAVUCA A., CIOBICĂ A., PLAVAN G-I., STRUNGARU S-A. 2019. Influence of environmental colors and long-term sex isolation on zebrafish shoaling behavior. *Archives of Biological Sciences, OnlineFirst*. <https://doi.org/10.2298/ABS190118015L>

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