

# PONDS WITH LIFE TEAM

Ponds with Life Project has a diverse team of professionals dedicated to the study and exploration of ponds and their biodiversity. Part of our collaborators are students that developed their research with us and continued their collaboration as monitors, creating dissemination and support material for pond study and establishing their own subprojects.

## JOSÉ TEIXEIRA Project Coordinator



José Teixeira holds a doctorate in Biology, by the University of Porto (UP), where he focused in the study of biogeography, evolution and conservation of reptiles and amphibians. He's responsible for the organization and development of several exhibitions and the coordination of several science communication and conservation projects. He's one of the authors of the Portuguese Vertebrate Red Book and Fapas Portuguese Reptile and Amphibian Identification Guide. At the moment he is coordinating the Science Communication and Outreach Office at CIIMAR (UP) where he is coordinating several projects, including Ponds with Life.

## ANA OLIVEIRA Responsible for Project execution



Ana Ferreira holds a Masters degree in Conservation Biology, by the Évora University, and focus in the study of amphibian and reptiles and freshwater habitats. She has worked in environmental education and science communication by developing activities in schools and for the general public, promoting natural resources valorization. Also has been dedicated to biodiversity monitoring and ecosystem rehabilitation actions. At the moment she is responsible for developing Ponds with Life Project at the Science Communication and Outreach Office, CIIMAR (UP).

## PEDRO ALVES Collaborator and Masters Student



Pedro Alves is a biologist, by the University of Minho, and is now a Masters student in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution at CiBio, University of Porto, where he focus in the study of reptile and amphibians communities. Also, he develops projects related to environmental dissemination and awareness, design and wildlife photography. His collaboration with Ponds with Life Project began in 2015 as a graduate trainee and at the moment he develops several activities as a monitor and designer of didactic material to support pond and biodiversity exploration.

## DANIELA BARBOSA Collaborator and Masters Student



Daniela Barbosa is post-graduate in Ecology, Environment and Territory by the University of Porto. She has been developing surveys and monitoring of pond biological communities in Penafiel and Porto cities. Her collaboration with Ponds with Life Project began in 2013 with her graduate thesis. After that she continued collaboration as a monitor for environmental education activities and pond construction support to schools and private entities. At the moment she is finishing her Masters thesis in the Project about Porto pond communities and their conservation.

## JAEL PALHAS Collaborator



Jael Palhas has a Masters degree in Applied Ecology, by Coimbra University. He has been developing diferente work related to amphibian study, planning and implementation of eco-tourism activities and cordinated environmental education actions about reptiles and amphibians and freshwater habitats (e.g. "Charcos com Vida"; "Anfíbios: uma pata na água, outra na terra"). At the moment he collaborates with Ponds with Life Project in the development of courses for Professors and Monitors, transmitting knowledge for a didatic exploration of ponds and their biodiversity.

## IURI FRIAS Collaborator



Iuri Frias has a Masters degree in Bioengineering, by the University of Porto. During his Graduate thesis he developed work on Canário Lagoon eutrophication, in S. Miguel, Azores, been selected for the international and sustainability olympics I-SWEEEP, winner of an honourable mention. Since then he has been committed to work with aquatic plants and freshwater habitats. At the moment he collaborates with ponds with Life Project through the management of the Aquatic Plant Nurcery Project, in partnership with the Porto City Botanic Garden.

## CATARINA COSTA Trainee



Catarina Costa is a biologist, graduated in the University of Aveiro. During the 3rd year she developed a project in the area of Ecotoxicology intituled "Use of *Solea senegalensis* and *Xenopus laevis* embryos in the evaluation of pesticide toxicity". At the moment she is doing her 4th year optional internship at Ponds with Life Project and Ecobiotec Laboratory (CIIMAR) where she is studying the relation between pond biodiversity and water quality, to further understand the ponds depuration capacity. Also, she is developing several activities with schools and citizens.

