

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

2009 - Ph.D. (Environmental Sciences–Marine Biology), Madurai Kamaraj University, India

2000 - M.Sc. (Biochemistry), Madurai Kamaraj University, India

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (in Detail):

**April 2016- March 2017**

**Project Scientist – Wildlife Institute of India (MoEFCC, Govt. of India), Dehradun, India**

- Coordinated the program under the Project Lead entitled, “CAMPA Recovery of Dugong and its habitat in India; A participatory approach” in three Dugong range states, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Gujarat.

**May 2014 – March 2016**

**Project Scientist III – National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (MoEFCC, Govt. of India), Chennai, India**

- Monitored coastal ecosystem health based on Coral life-forms taxonomy and identification, Coral biodiversity assessment and identification of biological indicators associated with reef ecosystem for the projects entitled, “Sentinel site program”.
- Worked as a Division member for the projects entitled, “State of Coast”, “EcoHealth” and “Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment”.

**July 2013 – May 2014**

**Marine Scientist – Gujarat Ecology Commission, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India**

- Administration processes and monitored the project of SPMU\_GEC-ICZM project entitled "Improving the quality of reefs through coral transplantation" and reported to the Member Secretary, State Project Management Unit (Forest and Environment Department), Gujarat.

**April 2013 – May 2013**

**Marine Scientist (HMR Environmental Engineering Consultants, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman)**

- Monitored the translocated-coral fragments near Musandam Gas Plant (MGP) and reported to MECA, Sultanate of Oman.

#### **December 2011 –March 2013**

##### **Assistant Professor (Faculty of Marine Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)**

- Bio-Physical assessment of coral reef community categories and identification of Scleractinian and soft corals upto species level in the Saudi Arabian coast of Red sea.
- Led graduate and post-graduate students for their research work related to Scleractinian Coral growth and recruitment, Coral restoration, sedimentation rate analysis and antifouling assessment in the Red Sea.

#### **April 2010 –November 2011**

##### **Project Scientist (National Institute of Ocean Technology, Port Blair, India)**

- Monitored and assessed coral bleaching and recovery (2010) in the Andaman group of Islands.
- Project leader for “Materials for marine applications and antifouling measures”.
- Project leader for diving team in the project, “Development of potential drug from Ocean”.

#### **February 2009 – March 2010**

##### **Project Scientist (National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai, India)**

- Led an environmental research team for underwater ground truthing to avoid placing desalination sump in coral reef resource sites along Lakshadweep group of Islands.
- Successfully installed 750 artificial reef structures in the Odissa coast of India.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCES:**

##### **January 2006 – January 2009**

##### **Senior Research Fellow (Madurai Kamaraj University, India)**

- Monitored and assessed coral reef ground truthing (Includes coral taxonomy, diversity and benthic community assessment) at Mandapam group of Islands using satellite imagery.
- Coral reef bio-physical and biodiversity analysis in the Gulf of Mannar, India.

##### **June 2002 – January 2006**

##### **Junior Research Fellow (Madurai Kamaraj University, India)**

- Biofouling status (Taxonomy of fouling communities) and its biodiversity assessment in the Gulf of Mannar, Southeast coast of India.
- Invertebrate resource monitoring for isolation of bioactive compounds for antifouling analysis purpose.
- Antibiosis and bioactivity assay against dominant foulers of Gulf of Mannar.
- Role of intra-molecular interactions on the stability of adhesive protein from barnacles.

## CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS RECEIVED:

- March 2013 - PADI certified Assistant Instructor
- April 2003 - India-Australia Training and Capacity Building project on Coral Reef Taxonomy, Survey and Monitoring – Ministry of Forests and Environment, Port Blair, India
- December 2017 - Best Young Scientist Award (Fisheries & Marine Sciences) from PEARL Foundations, Madurai, India

## SKILLS:

- General Non-Chordata (Marine) – Scleractinia; Echinodermata
- SCUBA Diving (PADI-Assistant Instructor)
- Fouling community assessment
- Bio-statistics (PRIMER 7 version 7.0.10, PAST 2.15)
- *In-situ* Coral incubation chamber with Submersible DO meter and pump (Growth rate analysis)
- *In-situ* Diving PAMFluorometer (Photosynthetic rate analysis)
- Bioactivity assay (EPA-Probit analysis)

## PUBLICATIONS:

(\*-Corresponding author) (Thomson Reuters Cumulative IF= 18.093)

- Marimuthu, N\*.,** Purvaja Ramachandran, Sathish, M., Dinesh, N. and Ramesh, R. 2018. Recruitment pattern of Scleractinian coral spats on neighbouring artificial substrates at Kurusadai Reef Complex, Gulf of Mannar, India. *Aquatic Ecosystem; Health and Management*, (Taylor and Francis). *In press*. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.742)
- Marimuthu, N\*.,** Verma, A.K., Kumar, J.S.Y., Adhavan, D. and Satyanarayana, Ch. 2018. Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project funded Coral restoration processes in the Gulf of Kachchh – A present scenario. *Indian Journal of Geo-Marine Sciences*, 47(1): 15-19. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.172)
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- Wilson, J.J\*., Al-Sofyani, A.A. and **Marimuthu, N\***. 2017. Current biodiversity and ecological status of scleractinian corals of Sharm Obhur, Jeddah, Saudi Arabian coast of the Red Sea. *Marine Biodiversity* (Springer), DOI. 10.1007/s12526-017-0784-2. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 1.646)
- Hawas, U.W\*., El-Kassem, L.T.A., Abdelfattah, M.S., Elmallah, M.I.Y., Eid, M.A.G., Monier, M. and **Marimuthu, N.** 2017. Cytotoxic activity of alkyl benzoate and fatty acids from the red sea sponge *Hyrtios erectus*. *Nat. Prod. Res. Part-B, Bioactive Nat. Prod.* (Taylor and Francis) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14786419.2017.1344662> (Thomson Reuters JCR - 1.828).

- Baskar, B\*., Sahu, B.K., Jayappriyan, K.R., Vasanthi, L.A., **Marimuthu, N.**, Nandakumar, P., Prabakaran, P. 2017. Assessment of heavy metal concentrations and associated resistant bacterial communities in bulk and rhizosphere soil of *Avicennia marina* of Pichavaram mangrove, India. *Environ. Earth Sci.*, (Springer) 76(58) DOI 10.1007/s12665-016-6378-7 (Thomson Reuters JCR - 1.569)
- Marimuthu, N\*.**, Purvaja, R., Robin, R.S., Tudu, D., Hariharan, G. and Ramesh. R. 2016. Spatial variations in the coral reef health of Palk Bay, southeast coast of India. *Aquatic Ecosystem; Health and Management*, (Taylor and Francis) 19(4): 360-367. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.742)
- Al-Sofyani, A.A., **Marimuthu, N\*.**, Wilson, J.J., Arulazhagan, P., Jeyakumar. 2016. Antifouling effect of bioactive compounds from selected marine organisms in the Obhur creek, Red Sea. *Journal of Ocean Univeristy of China*, (Springer) 15(3) DOI: 10.1007/s11802-016-2838-7 (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.601)
- Joshi, H\*.,**Marimuthu, N\*.** 2015. Forbidding invasive species – A way to attain sustainability of the coastal ecosystem. *Current Science*. 108(2): 151-152. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.967)
- Al-Sofyani, A.A., **N. Marimuthu\***, J.J. Wilson. 2014. A rapid assessment of Scleractinian and Non- Scleractinian coral growth forms along the Saudi Arabian coast, Red Sea. *Journal of Ocean Univeristy of China*, (Springer) 13(2): 243-248. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.601)
- Kumar, J.S.Y\*., **N. Marimuthu\***, S. Geetha, Ch. Satyanarayana, K. Venkataraman and R.D. Kamboj. 2014. Longitudinal variations of coral reef features in the Marine National Park, Gulf of Kachchh. *Journal of Coastal Conservation: Planning and Management*, (Springer) 18(3): 167-175. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.959)
- Marimuthu, N\*.**, J.J. Wilson, N.V. Vinithkumar and R. Kirubakaran 2013. Coral reef recovery status of South Andaman Islands after the bleaching event 2010. *Journal of Ocean Univeristy of China*, (Springer) 12(1): 91-96 (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.601)
- Jha, D.K., N.V. Vinithkumar, **N. Marimuthu\***, B. Baskar, A.K. Das, B.K. Sahu and R. Kirubakaran 2013. Field and GIS based assessment of Scleractinian coral cover in the Aerial Bay group of Islands, North Andaman, India. *Journal of Coastal Conservation: Planning and Management*. (Springer) 17: 671-677 (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.959).
- Manikandan, B., J. Ravindran\*, S. Shrinivaasu, **N. Marimuthu** and K. Paramasivam. 2014. Community structure and coral status across reef fishing intensity gradients in Palk Bay reef, southeast coast of India. *Environ. Monitor. Assessment*, (Springer) 186(10): 5989-6002. (Thomson Reuters JCR - 1.687)
- Sawall, Y\*., A. Al-Sofyani, B. Kürten, A.M. Al-Aidaros, B.X. Hoang, **N. Marimuthu**, H.S. Khomayis, U. Sommer, W.Y. Gharbawi, M. Wahl. 2014. Coral communities, in contrast to fish communities, maintain a high assembly similarity along the steep latitudinal gradient of the Saudi Red Sea coast. *J Ecol. Ecogr.*, S4: 003. doi: 10.4172/2157-7625.S4-003 (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.020)
- Ravindran, J\*., B. Manikandan, M. Venkatesh, R.M. Murali, **N. Marimuthu** and M.V.M. Wafar. 2014. Repercussions of embarkation wharves in Lakshadweep Islands on coral

- communities and their ecology. *Indian Journal of Marine Sciences*, 43(7): 1391-1400. (Thomson Reuters JCR – 0.172)
- Adhavan, D\*., Kamboj, R.D., **Marimuthu, N.**, Bhalodi, M.M. 2014. Seasonal variation and climate change influence coral bleaching in Pirotan Island, Gulf of Kachchh Marine National Park, Gujarat. *Current Science*. 107(11): 1780-1781. (Thomson Reuters JCR - 0.967)
- Al-Sofyani, A., **N. Marimuthu\*** and J.J. Wilson. 2013. Tunicate bloom in the Obhur creek of Jeddah coast, Red Sea. *Current Science*. 104(10): 1274-1275 (Thomson Reuters JCR - 0.967)
- Wilson, J.J\* and **N. Marimuthu** 2012. Post-bleaching recovery of transplanted coral nubbins in Abu Al Abyad Island of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (2012). *Galaxea, Journal of Coral reef Studies*. 14: 1-2.
- Marimuthu, N\*.,** G. Dharani, N.V. Vinithkumar, M. Vijayakumaran and R. Kirubakaran (2011). Recovery status of Sea anemones from bleaching event of 2010 in the Andaman waters. (2011) *Current Science*. 101(6): 734-736. (Thomson Reuters JCR - 0.967)
- Marimuthu, N\*.,** J.J. Wilson and A.K. Kumaraguru 2010. Reef status of Mandapam group of Gulf of Mannar. *Galaxea, Journal of Coral Reef Studies*. 12 (2): 65-75.
- Marimuthu, N.,** Jerald Wilson, J. and Kumaraguru, A.K\*. 2005. Teira batfish, *Platax teira* (Forsskal, 1775) in Pudhumadam coastal waters, drifted due to the tsunami of 26 December 2004. *Current Science*. 89(8): 1311-1312. (Thomson Reuters JCR - 0.967)
- Tamelander, J\*., A. Rajasuriya, Hussein Zahir, Rohan Arthur, VineetaHoon, J.K. Patterson Edward, Sarang Kulkarni, Alasdair Harris, C.N. Pandey, J. Jerald Wilson, **N. Marimuthu,** A.K. Kumaraguru K. Venkataraman, Mohamed Sazedul Islam, Mohamed Zahirul Islam, Terney Pradeep Kumara, Mohamed Farook Mohamed Fairoz, VardhanPatankar and ElrikaD'souza (2008) Status of Coral Reefs in South Asia: Bangladesh, Chagos, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka. pp. 119-130. In. Status of Coral Reefs of the world: 2008. (ed.) C. Wilkinson. Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network and Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, Townsville, Australia, 296 p.
- Kumaraguru, A.K\*., V. Edwin Joseph, **N. Marimuthu** and J.J. Wilson (2006). Scientific information on Gulf of Mannar- A Bibliography Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, India. 656 p.
- Edward, J.K.P\*., S. Kulkarni, R. Jayabaskaran, S. Lazarus, A. Mary, K. Venkataraman, S.P. Das, J. Tamelander, A. Rajasuriya, K. Jayakumar, A.K. Kumaraguru, **N. Marimuthu,** R. Sluka and J.J. Wilson (2006). The effects of the 2004 Tsunami on mainland India and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands *In*. Status of Coral Reefs in Tsunami affected countries: 2005. *In*. Status of Coral Reefs in Tsunami affected countries:2005. (eds.) C. Wilkinson, D. Souter and J.Goldberg. GCRMN, Australian Institute of Marine Science, Australia. 154 p.
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**Marimuthu, N\*.,** J.J. Wilson and A.K. Kumaraguru. 2008. Settlement Inducing Protein Complex (SIPC) of *Balanus amphitrite* – an analysis of non-canonical weak interactions in their structural stability. p. 52. *In*. International Conference on Biofouling and Ballast water Management, organized by National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa, India, 98 p.

**Marimuthu, N\*.,** J.J. Wilson and A.K. Kumaraguru. 2007. Studies on bioactivity of soft corals against the barnacle, *Balanus amphitrite*. *New Frontiers in Marine Natural Product Research*, organized by National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paulo, Goa, India.

**Marimuthu, N\*.,** J.J. Wilson and A.K. Kumaraguru. 2006. Recent Advances in Marine Antifouling Technology, organized by NIOT (India) & IBBS (UK) at National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai, India.

#### **INVITED LECTURES:**

Marimuthu, N. 2017. **Wetland Ecosystem**. Part of course work for Master Students. dated 17 January 2017. Forest Research Institute (Deemed) University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India.

Marimuthu, N. 2017. **Coral reef ecosystem and its associated organisms**. Part of course work for Ph.D candidates. Wildlife Institute of India (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India.

Marimuthu, N. 2017. **Field survey methods for Coastal and Marine species and habitats**. Training for Technical staff of Forest Survey of India (Eastern Zone), dated 24-25 August 2017. A.J.C. Bose Indian Botanical Garden, Howrah, West Bengal, India.

Marimuthu, N. 2017. **Importance of SCUBA in the monitoring of marine benthic reef and associated organisms.** Seminar cum Awareness Programme on SCUBA Diving, dated 14 September 2017. Department of Marine and Coastal Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Pudhumadam, Tamil Nadu, India.

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