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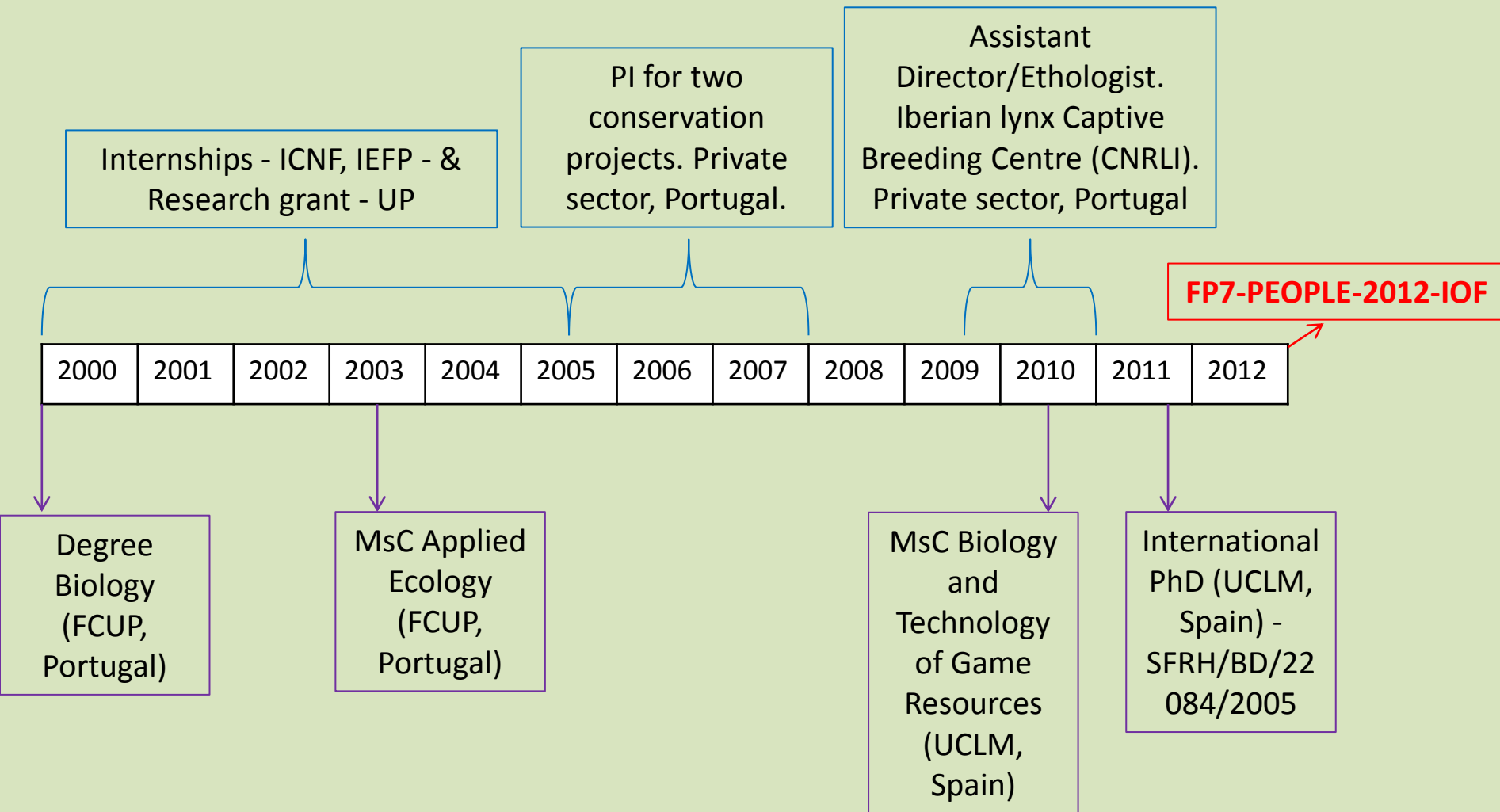
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RESEARCHER PROFILE



- Participation in a total of 8 Iberian research projects
- 8 published SCI papers + 13 other publications + 2 books and 6 book chapters + technical reports, etc.
- 55 participations in national and international conferences

FIELD OF EXPERTISE



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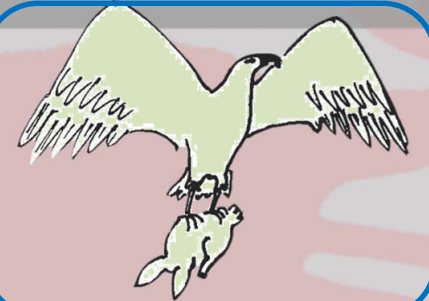
POPULATION ECOLOGY

**MANAGEMENT AND
CONSERVATION**

**MITIGATION OF
ANTHROPOGENIC
IMPACTS...**

Relationships between predation risk, disease and fitness in the wild rabbit: management implications

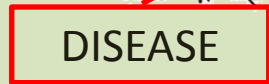
PREDATION



HABITAT



DISEASE

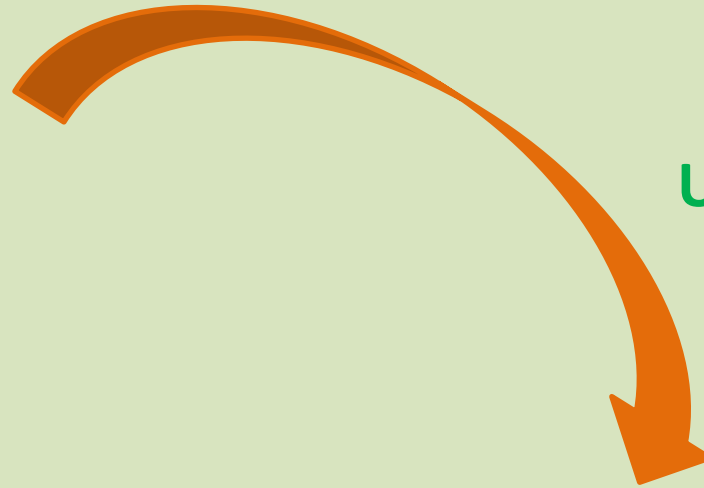


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Larger scale
Umbrella species



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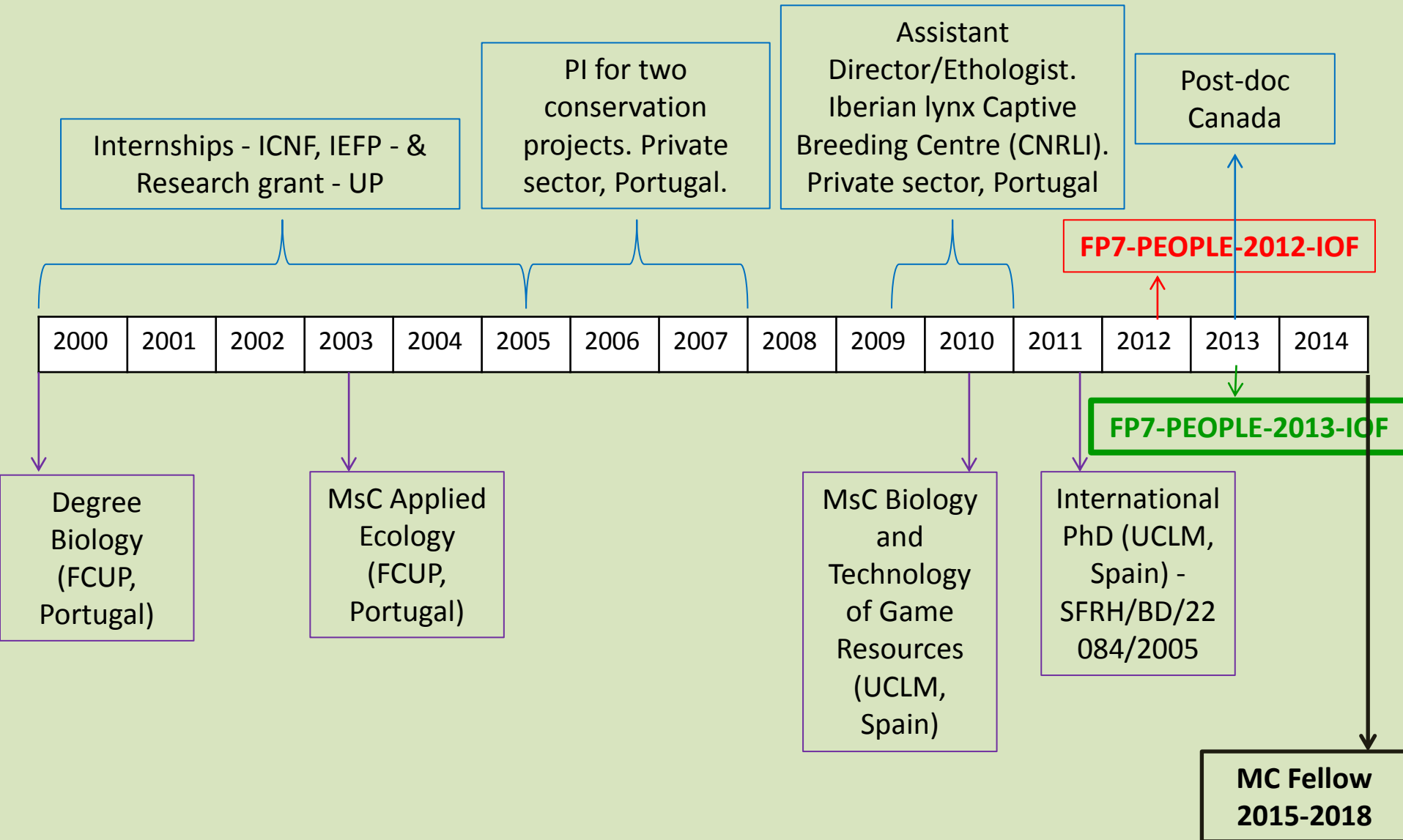
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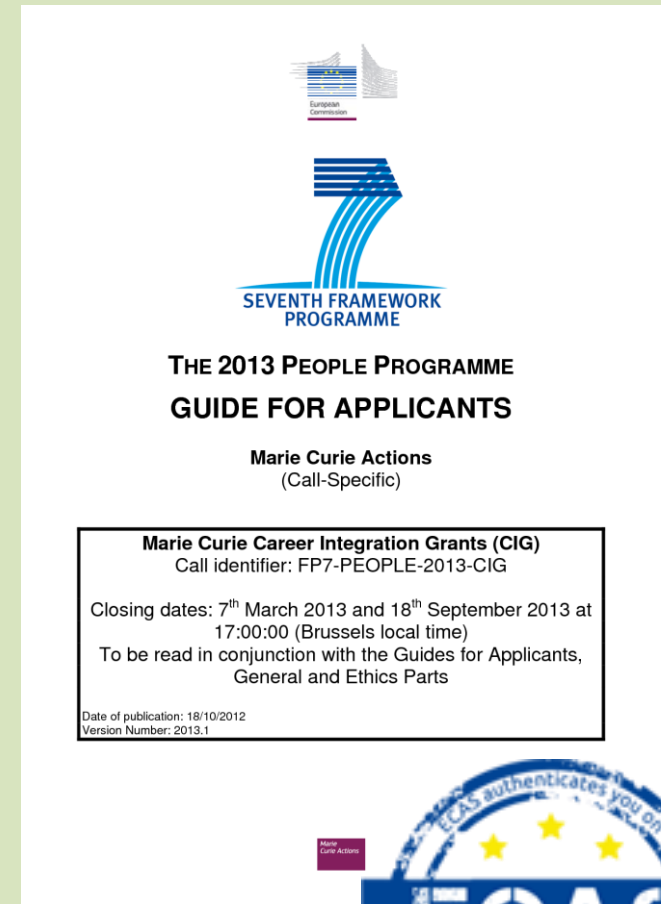
...AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RESEARCHER PROFILE



MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Get acquainted with the Programme, documentation and terminology (Parts A & B)
- Get familiarised with the Participants Portal (Part A)
- Time and dedication (1-2 months)
- Meditate on:
 - best (host and outgoing) institutions and cooperating partners
 - bridge between Outgoing country and Europe
- NCP's (host + outgoing)/Infodays
- Institutional Research Offices
- EU Commission
- Other institutions
- Panoply of information on the web (videos on youtube, .ppt, .pdf) – important not to get lost!!



MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Programme	FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IOF
Title of the proposal*	CONNECT	CONTRASST (resubmission)
Panel	ENV	ENV
Duration	36 months (24 CA + 12 GE)	36 months (24 CA + 12 GE)
Reviewed by	Supervisors + FCUP	Supervisors + NCP (GE, PT) + European Liaison Office of the German Research Organizations + Friends
Total score (cutpoint)	85.5 (90.7)	94.8 (92.9)
I. Quality (25%)	4.40	4.70
II. Training (15%)	3.80	4.70
III. Researcher (25%)	4.50	4.80
IV. Implementation (15%)	4.40	4.80
V. Impact (20%)	4.10	4.70

* Tip #1: Useful acronym generator: <http://acronymcreator.net/>

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Tip # 2: Allocate appropriate amount of time to write the proposal
 - Contingency plan

- Tip #3: Keywords
 - Interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary aspects
 - Complementary skills
 - Career development / professional maturity
 - Innovation / competitiveness
 - Excellence (researcher / host institution)

- Tip # 4: Know your project very well!

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Tip #5: Resubmissions - Address ALL weaknesses pointed out in the Evaluation Report (very useful!!)
 - Too ambitious goals for time frame
 - Specify formal courses (too much reliance on informal training)
 - Limited teaching experience
 - Relatively modest publication record
 - Include IPR Agreement
 - Lack of specificity explaining how newly acquired skills and competences will be transferred to the return host
 - Potential contribution to European excellence is not fully substantiated

- Tip #6: Be very clear, straightforward (don't be vague!)

- Tip #7: Get the proposal reviewed by as many (relevant, experienced) players as you can (distinct views on whether or not to mention it was resubmission)

- Tip #8: Don't give up and don't get discouraged!



THANK YOU!

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