

Marco Tamburini

Marco Tamburini, born in 1993, graduated in Marine Biology in 2018 at the University of Bologna, Italy, where he acquired expertise in marine invertebrates, experimental design, ecological data analysis and scientific diving. During his master thesis, he spent three months in North Sulawesi, Indonesia, to investigate the impact of gold mining on the sea cucumber *Holothuria (Halodeima) atra*.

He is currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Pavia, Italy, where in October 2018 he has started a project on colonization success of marine alien species in fouling communities across habitats and climate scenarios, in collaboration with the ENEA Santa Teresa Marine Research Center and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC; USA). For his Ph.D. project, he has been trained on sessile marine macroinvertebrates identification and on their assessment through a standardized protocol, designed by colleagues of SERC and employed for the first time in the Mediterranean Sea.