

Curriculum Vitae

Name of Firm	: Skat Consulting Ltd., St. Gallen, Switzerland
Name of Staff	: Maria Rachelle Gallmann
Position	: Junior Expert – Water & Climate Change
Date of Birth	: 20.07.1994
Years with Firm	: Since April 2021
Nationality	: Swiss and Filipino

KEY COMPETENCIES

Maria is passionate for work that drives for positive action leading to a sustainable and inclusive future, and pushes to understand the world's complex socio-ecological systems through interdisciplinary perspectives. Maria has been working in the consulting and international development cooperation sector for over one year now, supporting the global water network of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) among various development projects. She also brings with her 3 years of experience in coastal resource management work in the Philippines and climate change policy analysis in Switzerland and Germany. Her key areas of expertise are climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation, sustainable land systems and natural resource management, systems thinking and systems science, coastal ecosystems and livelihoods, environmental policy analysis, and network facilitation and knowledge management.

EDUCATION

2018 - 2020	: Master of Science in Climate Sciences , Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Bern, Switzerland (with Latin honors)
2011 - 2016	: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Minor in Sociology, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines (with Latin honors)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skat Consulting Ltd., Switzerland

Junior Expert

May 2022 - present

Trainee

April 2021 – March 2022

- Backstopping support to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)'s Global Programme Water and network facilitation of their network RésEAU
- Managing partners and events of the 1 Million Youth Actions Challenge. Also involved in the whole process of conceptualizing the initiative and website content.
- Support to various projects and acquisition

University of Bern – Institute of Political Science, Switzerland

Research Assistant (part-time)

January 2020 – May 2021

- Conceptualized an elite network survey on Germany's Climate Protection Law process
- Co-drafted a chapter in a book on climate policies in federal states
- Assisted with data gathering and analysis of various research projects of the Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance (PEGO) group

IG Saubere Umwelt

“Botschafter” and Team Leader (part-time)

June 2019 – December 2020

- Moved around major Swiss towns to spread awareness about the littering problem and proper recycling practices. Occasionally conducted school workshops.
- Team leader since 2020 which included planning, briefing, and overseeing of missions.

University of the Philippines - The Marine Science

University Researcher I

January 2017 – August 2018

DOST-PCCARD Project “Identifying management units for high-value sea cucumbers *Holothuria scabra* and *Stichopus horrens*”

- integrated data (genetic connectivity, biophysical dispersal, ecology, and governance) for identifying ecologically-meaningful management units for sea cucumber farming and conservation
- led social surveys on regional sea cucumber fisheries and trade
- collected live specimens and conducted field surveys on *S. horrens* ecology
- prepared technical reports, presentations, publications, and policy support
- organized and facilitated 3 regional sea cucumber R&D feedback & workshops sessions
- managed project operations, consultant contracts, and finances

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

Technical Assistant

September – December 2016

Sulu-sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Project

- Supported in coordination with regional government agencies, local government units, and partner NGO
- Did research and writing for various project aspects
- Managed project documentation and knowledge database

Conservation International

Intern

June 2015

- Researched on ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) trends and innovation
- Conducted mangrove field monitoring and focus-group discussions (FGDs) with the partner People’s Organization in Calapan, Mindoro

Clean Air Asia

Intern

October 2013

- Created graphs and information sheets on transportation sector carbon emissions across Asian cities for the Accessing Asia project.
- Conducted literature review on source apportionment studies in Asia.

LANGUAGES

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	Native	Native	Native
German/Swiss German	Native	Native	Native
Filipino (Tagalog)	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
French	Basic	Basic	Basic
Spanish	Basic	Basic	Basic

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

Date	Title	Certifying Organization
2022 April	Rescue Diver & Emergency First Responder	PADI
2021 October	Climate Reality Leadership Corps	The Climate Reality Project
2021 June	World Water Week Communications Initiative Training	Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
2016 November	Managing corruption risks in development cooperation certificate	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
2016 August	Cambridge English Proficiency	Cambridge Assessment
2015 August	Reef Check EcoDiver (reef surveying)	Reef Check Foundation

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES

Co-authored publications:

- Kammerer, Mueller, Ingold, Gallmann. Climate Governance and Federalism in Switzerland. Swiss Climate Change Politics In S. Jodoin & J. Setzer, eds. (upcoming 2022), Federalism and Climate Governance, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press
- Fesenfeld, Zeiske, Maier, Gallmann, van der Werff, Steg. (In review at Appetite). The effects of tasting and product labeling on evaluations and intentions to consume plant-based meat substitutes.

Scientific conference presentations (at Philippine National Symposium of Marine Science):

- Sea Cucumber Biology and Trends Through the Eyes of Fisherfolk (July 2017; Batangas)
- The Fishing Community of Taggat Norte: Coastal Poverty & Resilience (July 2017; Batangas)
- Brachyuran Herbivory and Burrowing in Typhoon Haiyan Affected Mangroves in Bantayan Island, Cebu (October 2015; General Santos)

Participation at relevant congresses:

- AEE SUISSE Kongress (2 September 2020; Solothurn)
- BRS Conventions (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conference of the Parties) (9 May 2019; Geneva)
- UNESCO High-level Scientific Conference on Climate and the Oceans (10-11 September 2018; Paris)
- Asia Pacific Youth Exchange by Asian Development Bank (4-11 January 2017; Manila)
- Management Effectiveness Assessment of the Turtle Islands PA Management Plan (7-10 November 2016, Cebu)
- "Responding to Climate Change: The Voices of the Filipino Youth" (August 2014; Manila)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Held board member positions at various student organizations:

- Climate Sciences Student Council – University of Bern (2019 – 2020: Finance Head)

- Ateneo Environmental Science Society – Ateneo de Manila University (2015 – 2016: Vice President for Environmental Science Affairs; 2013 – 2014: Associate Vice President for Membership Monitoring)
- Ateneo Futsal Club – Ateneo de Manila University (2013 – 2016: Captain and Club Manager)

Volunteered with:

- Coral Cay Conservation (July-August 2015; Leyte, Philippines)

Joined international sustainability competitions:

- Activistar Young Mayor Competition: Planning a Clean and Green Township (2015 April; Singapore: Outstanding Performance & 4th Place Team)
- FedEx Express/Junior Achievement International Trade Challenge (2011; Philippines: finalist)

REFERENCES (contact details to be provided upon request)

[Frank Wiederkehr](#) (current supervisor)

Deputy CEO

Skat Consulting Ltd. (Switzerland)

Daniel Maselli (client)

Senior Policy Advisor & Focal Point SDC Water Network

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (Switzerland)

[Marie Antonette Juinio-Meñez](#), PhD (former supervisor)

Professor / Chair of Invertebrates Ecology Laboratory

University of the Philippines – The Marine Science Institute (Philippines)