Fabio Cevenini

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I am an applied environmental and resource economist. My research combines econometric analysis with biological and spatial data to examine how environmental change and conservation policy shape economic outcomes, the distribution of costs and benefits, and pressures on ecosystems.

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Trento — Oct 2025–Present

Project: Ocean Citizen, Horizon Europe programme.
I am a postdoctoral researcher at the Applied Environmental and Energy Economics Lab (A3EL) at the University of Trento. The position is cofunded by the University of Trento and CONISMA.

JOB MARKET PAPER

The impact of climate change on fisheries. With Carlo Fezzi and Christopher Costello.

Awarded with: Best Young Italian Environmental Economist Award (2026); Italian Economic Society (SIE) Best Doctoral Thesis Award (2026).

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Working papers

Site aggregation in recreational demand modelling with an application to the impact of sediments runoffs in coastal waters. With Mia Comeros, Carlo Fezzi, and Kirsten Oleson. *Conditionally accepted, Environmental & Resource Economics*.

The impact of extreme heat on suicides in prisons. Short paper.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Cevenini, F. et al. (2026). **Dispersion-induced status quo bias in pivot-designed Choice Experiment**. *Journal of Choice Modelling*. DOI. Code and data.

Cevenini, F. et al. (2026). **Enhancing cost-effectiveness in marine recreational fishing assessment: Flexible model-based estimation of participation rates and effort**. *Marine Policy*. DOI. Code and data.

Cevenini, F. et al. (2023). **Assessing the welfare impacts of changes in recreational fisheries management: A modelling approach for European sea bass**. *Marine Policy*. DOI.

Selected work in progress

Conservation against Local Growth? Assessing the Economic Consequences of Marine Protection. With Clementina Crocè, Carlo Fezzi, and Rosario Guaia.

This project aims to provide a causal assessment of how Marine Protected Areas affect local economic performance. We combine the staggered rollout of MPAs in Italy with administrative firm balance-sheet data for coastal municipalities to estimate how protection reshapes revenues and sectoral activity in nearby communities.

Following the Fish: Spatial Adaptation to Climate Change. With Marco Tomasi.

This project studies climate adaptation in global fisheries. We combine global data on fishing effort with daily information on wave conditions and sea surface temperature to estimate the spatial impulse response of fishing effort to temperature shocks. As changes in temperature make some fishing grounds less profitable, fishers may adapt by reallocating their effort across space.

AWARDS

Best Young Italian Environmental Economist Award, for *The impact of climate change on fisheries* 2026

Italian Economic Society (SIE) Best Doctoral Thesis Award, for *The impact of climate change on fisheries* 2026

EDUCATION

PhD in Environmental Economics, University of Trento Oct 2021–Oct 2025

Thesis: *Three essays in Natural resource economics*. Thesis advisory group: Sandra Notaro, Carlo Fezzi, and Silvia Ferrini.

MSc in Environmental Economics, University of Siena Jan 2018–Apr 2020

Thesis: *Willingness to contribute to Climate Change Mitigation: a Contingent Valuation Approach*. Supervisor: Silvia Ferrini.

Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business, University of Siena Sep 2014–Dec 2017

Thesis: *An alternative to the classic theories on the governance of common goods and collective action*. Supervisor: Carlo Zappia.

RESEARCH VISITS

Visiting Researcher, University of Exeter, LEEP Centre May–Jun 2026

Host: Ian Bateman.

Visiting Researcher, University of Leeds, Choice Modelling Centre May–Jun 2024

Host: Thijs Dekker.

Visiting Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara, EmLab Jan–Apr 2024

Host: Christopher Costello.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow, CNR–IRBIM May–Oct 2021

Under the supervision of Fabio Grati (biologist).

Research Trainee, CEFAS (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science) Sep 2020–May 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer School Instructor, Bridging Ecology and Economics: Valuation and Restoration of Animal Forests Sep 2025

Session: Environmental valuation for coastal protection.

Seminar Instructor, PhD in Environmental Economics, University of Trento 2024–2025
Seminars on discrete choice modeling.

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods for Market Analysis, University of Trento 2022–2023
Master's degree in Economics and Management.

Teaching Assistant, Market Analysis Lab, University of Trento 2022–2026
Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management. Academic years 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025, and 2025–2026.

CONSULTANCY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Recreational Fisheries Economic Valuation Specialist, FAO Mar 2026–Present
GFCM 2030 Strategy implemented through select activities for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Project lead: Fabio Grati.

Instructor, Upskilling Programme, National Biodiversity Future Center Sep 2025
Session: Basics of welfare economics and environmental evaluation. Project lead: Sandra Notaro.

Consultant, Environmental Valuation, APRIE May 2024–May 2025
Environmental valuation of water quality for rivers and lakes in the Trentino region. Project lead: Sandra Notaro.

Consultant, Recreational Fisheries Economic Valuation Specialist, FAO Feb–May 2023
Programme/project number: MTF/INT/943/MUL – Baby 30. Project lead: Anna Carlson.

Intern, Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., Bologna Dec 2019–Jun 2020

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026 University of Exeter internal seminars (Exeter, UK); University College London internal seminars (London, UK); CSERGE Workshop (Norwich, UK); TAM–WiPSS seminar series, OECD (Trento, Italy); IAERE Conference (Trento, Italy); YES seminar series (Trento, Italy)

2025 Early Career Workshop on Applied Environmental and Climate Change Economics, Fondazione Enrico Mattei (Milan, Italy); University of Florence (scheduled in source CV); ZEF internal seminars (Bonn, Germany); Econometric Society Conference, ESIFCLIM (Barcelona, Spain); IAERE Conference (Rome, Italy); YES seminar series (Trento, Italy)

2024 EmLab internal seminars (Santa Barbara, CA); Choice Modelling Centre seminars (Leeds, UK); Euregio Meeting (Trento, Italy)

2023 NEST Workshop (Rimini, Italy); EAERE International Conference (Limassol, Cyprus); Social Cost of Water Pollution Workshop (Washington, DC); YES seminar series (Trento, Italy)

2022 IIFET International Conference (Vigo, Spain)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Football Referee Mar 2012–Jul 2023
Officiated for approximately 12 years, reaching the national level in 2018 and refereeing matches up to Serie C, Italy's third-tier professional football league.

Referee instructor January 2025–Present
Assess football referees' performance and provide feedback to support their technical development.

REFERENCES

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