

# MASSIMILIANO MERLINO

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Highly motivated, I aimed to tailor my academic background, professional experiences & linguistic skills, to be in line with my passion for wildlife documentaries and my aspiration to work in this industry. Persevering, ambitious and entrepreneurial.

## EDUCATION

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### IE BUSINESS SCHOOL

*Masters in Management with major in Digital Business*

**MADRID, SPAIN**

SEP. 2019 - DEC. 2020

### MET FILM SCHOOL

*Introduction to Film Production*

**LONDON, UK**

FEB. 2019

### ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY

*Bachelor of Zoology*

**LONDON, UK**

SEP. 2015 - JUN. 2018

### ECOTRAINING

*FGASA level 1 certification (Safari guiding license)*

**KARONGWE/SELATI, SOUTH AFRICA**

JAN. 2015 - MAR. 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### HA CONSERVATION

*Director & Producer*

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

JAN. 2021 – Current

- Established a production company to shoot a documentary in Zinave National Park, Mozambique. Executed each step of the pre-production, production & post-production processes maintaining industry standards & leading a team of 6.

### “ZADVENGERS” DOCUMENTARY

*Assistant Director*

**LA COLLINE DU MORMONT, SWITZERLAND**

MARCH 2021

- Conceptualized the documentary together with the director, operated camera, recorded audio, and initiated the de-rushing. The documentary is set to premiere at the Human Rights Film Festival of Geneva (FIFDH) in 2023.

### ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

*Marine & Freshwater intern*

**LONDON, UK**

JUN. 2019 - AUG. 2019

- Curated a website promoting marine conservation for the Bertarelli Programme in Marine Science. Gathered research from 60 scientists from universities such as Stanford or Oxford, refining their findings for the general public.

### NOIZE MUSIC

*Production Assistant*

**LONDON, UK**

JAN. 2019 - May 2019

- Improved the company's social media account & presence. Oversaw the shooting & editing of YouTube videos.

### TVF INTERNATIONAL

*International Distribution Intern*

**LONDON, UK**

OCT. 2018 - DEC. 2018

- Analysed strategies of SVOD platforms for the coming year action plan. Assisted Programme Servicing team by proofreading & supervising voice overs of upcoming documentaries. Worked with members of Sales, Acquisitions teams.

### EARTH TOUCH

*Production intern*

**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA**

JUL. 2017

- Collaborated on-going projects by assisting in production, script writing & on-site recognition. Oversaw camera crew departures and returns from the gear facility, which required an acute level of organization.

### ROYAL MADIKWE

*Field Guide*

**MADIKWE, SOUTH AFRICA**

JUL. 2016

- Led safaris of 6-8 tourists in a “hostile” environment. Handled maintenance and guest relations.

## LANGUAGES

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**Italian** (native); **English** (fluent); **French** (fluent); **Spanish** (conversational); **Chinese** (beginner); **German** (beginner)

## OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION

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- Worked as general manager in a short French indie film (2021)
- Supported Nigel Marven in a “recce” in the Philippines (2016).
- Built latrines, taught English classes, and took part in a coral restoration project in the Dominican Republic (2014).
- Computer & media skills (Mac/PC, Microsoft Office, Adobe Lightroom/Photoshop/Premier Pro, Filming, Photography).