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I am a researcher based in Thurso, Scotland, at the Environmental Research Institute, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands. With a background in marine ecology and zoology (PhD from University of Liverpool & British Antarctic Survey, Master's degree from University of Sheffield), my broad research interests include applied approaches to tackle environmental contamination, develop sustainable resource use and circular economies in remote and rural regions. My research is primarily through five projects funded through the EU's Northern Periphery and Arctic programme; Circular Ocean, GREBE, REGINA, North₂O, and BioNorth.

As the project coordinator for Circular Ocean, a €1.5million project funded by the EU's Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme and responsible for the operational management overall financial administration and accounting of the project. Circular Ocean is focussed on the impact of environmental contamination and seeks to developing innovative and sustainable solutions for marine plastic waste. Through transnational collaboration and eco-innovation Circular Ocean will develop, share and test new sustainable solutions to incentivise the elimination, collection and, reprocessing of discarded fishing nets and assist the movement towards a more circular economy. I also have a particular interest in the presence, magnitude and effects of plastic contamination of aquatic environments.