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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION



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2. INSTITUTION AFFILIATIONS



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Department of Ecology, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Viničná 7, Prague, Czech Republic



Department of Ichthyology and Aquatic Environment, School of Agricultural Sciences, University of Thessaly, 384 46 Volos, Greece



European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC), Ispra, Italy



Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Inland Waters, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, 46.7th km Athens, Sounio Ave., P.O. Box 712, 19013 Anavyssos Attiki, Greece



School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, Laboratory of Environmental Science and Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, Heron Polytechniou 9, 15780 Athens, Greece



Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, Faculty of Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Panepistimiopolis, Ilisia, 15784 Athens, Greece



Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Universitätsallee 1, D-21335 Lüneburg, Germany



School of Biology, Department of Zoology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

3. EDUCATION

- 2015 **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Oceanography and Marine Environmental Management**
Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (N.K.U.A.), Greece.
 Duration: 15/07/09-06/11/15, Grade: 10/10 (Excellent).
- 2009 **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Environment and Development**
School of Rural and Surveying Engineering, National and Technical University of Athens (N.T.U.A.), Greece.
 Duration: 01/10/07-07/09/09, Grade: 9/10 (Excellent).
- 2005 **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Oceanography (Specialization: Biological Direction)**
Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (N.K.U.A.), Greece.
 Duration: 21/11/03-29/09/05, Grade: 8.95/10 (Excellent).
- 2003 **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Biology**
Faculty of Sciences, School of Biology, Department of Zoology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.).
 Duration: 10/10/98-27/03/03, Greece, Grade: 7.59/10 (Very Good).
- 2001 **Environmental Science, Education and Engineering Network**
Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany.
 Modules attended: 1) Culture and Environment, 2) Biodiversity and Sustainable Development, and 3) Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology.
 Duration: 22/02/01-10/06/01, Credits: 24 ECTS (1 ECTS = 10 hrs), (Excellent).
- 2001 **Environmental Science, Education and Engineering Network**
Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany.
 Attendance of the intensive program entitled: “Monitoring and Evaluation of the Quality of Running Waters”.
 Duration: 10/06/01-21/06/01, Credits: 15 ECTS, (1 ECTS = 10 hrs), (Very Good).

4. LANGUAGES

Language	Level	Diploma
Greek	Excellent	Native language
English	Excellent	Proficiency of University of Cambridge, Licentiate of teaching the English language.
Italian	Good	National certificate of Italian language, Level B2 (equal to Celi 3)
German	Basic	Certificate from Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

5. SPECIAL TRAINING

- 2025 Organization: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
Theme: MSC Capacity Building Training Level 2: Working towards MSC Certification capacity building training workshop. 13–16 October, Athens.
- 2022 Organization: FAO, GFCM, RCG, ACCOBAMS
Theme: Virtual training course on the identification and handling of vulnerable species (marine mammals, sea turtles, elasmobranchs, seabirds, macroinvertebrates) incidentally caught during fishing operations. 1, 1, 3, 7, 9, 11 February.
- 2022 Organization: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
Theme: Capacity building training on the MSC Fisheries Programme, Standard & Tools HellasFish Project, 24–26 January (virtual).
- 2022 Organization: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
Theme: Medpath's best practice exchange workshop for common octopus (*O. vulgaris*) fisheries, 12–13 July, Rome, Italy.
- 2020 Organization: Department of Ecology, Faculty of Science, Charles University
Theme: Course on Linux, command line & MetaCentrum, Use of Linux command line not only for CESNET's MetaCentrum, 14–16 January, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2020 Organization: Department of Ecology, Faculty of Science, Charles University
Theme: Course on UNIX and Genomic Data, 29th November–1st December, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2019 Organization: IUCN Center for Mediterranean Cooperation with the support of Marilles Foundation
Theme: Mediterranean Shark and Ray Conservation Meeting of experts from the Mediterranean IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group, 04–07 November, Palma de Mallorca, Balearics, Spain.
- 2019 Organization: Directorate D - Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources Unit (D.02), Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.
Theme: MSFD D1 SPECIES WORKSHOP ON METHODS FOR SETTING THRESHOLD VALUES with the scope to make recommendations for harmonised methods to set threshold values for each species group, to contribute to the alignment of MSFD-HBD policy requirements, and to support an interregional coordination for a consistent approach for threshold setting for MSFD species, 16–17 January, Villa Borghi, Varano Borghi, Italy.
- 2018 Organization: Directorate D - Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources Unit (D.02), Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.
Theme: BLUE SHARK HABITAT WORKSHOP, 17–18 December, JRC, Ispra, Italy.
- 2018 Organization: Directorate D - Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources Unit (D.02), Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.
Theme: MSFD D1 monitoring experts' workshop with the scope to develop recommendations and propose emerging reporting requirements to support the update of the monitoring programmes (due in 2020), and enhance consistency, comparability and coherence in the monitoring and assessment of marine biodiversity, 11–13 December, JRC, Ispra, Italy.
- 2018 Organization: Athens University of Economics and Business.
Theme: e-Learning Program on "Data analysis using R Programming". Starting date: 30.04.2018, Duration: 80 hours.
- 2018 Organization: Network of Early Career Scientists of the Integrated Marine Biosphere Research (IMBeR) project, together with the EU project EKLIPSE and the MarCons COST Action.

- Theme: Building the capacity of EU early career marine researchers to operate effectively at the science-policy-society interface, 17–20 June, Veli Lošinj, Croatia.
- 2018 Organization: University of Konstanz, Limnological Institute, Germany.
Theme: Stable Isotope Summer School, 15–19 April, Konstanz, Germany.
- 2017 Organization: Sicily Center for International Education (SCIE, Syracuse, Italy) in collaboration with the Salford University (Manchester, United Kingdom).
Theme: 1st International Summer School on “Environmental DNA and metabarcoding-understanding aquatic biodiversity”, 3–9 September, Syracuse, Italy.
- 2017 Organization: School of Environment of the University of the Aegean and the Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture of the Hellenic Centre of Marine Research.
Theme: International Summer School in “Ecological Data Analysis with R programming language (EcoDAR2017)”, 10–15 July, Lesvos, Greece.
- 2017 Organization: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
Theme: Workshop on “Aging Validation Methodology for *Mullus* Species (WKVALMU)”, 5–19 May, Conversano, Italy.
- 2015 Organization: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).
Theme: WebGR 2015: Open-Source web service that aims to support studies of fish growth and reproduction of *Mullus barbatus* and *Mullus surmuletus*.
- 2013 Organization: Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research.
Theme: Training on microsatellite and mitochondrial DNA analyses of the genetic structure of shark species. 1 August 2012–31 October 2013, Heraklion Crete, Greece.
- 2013 Organization: Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (HCMR).
Theme: 2nd DNA Metabarcoding Spring School, 13–17 May, Heraklion Crete, Greece.
- 2012 Organization: General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean and FAO EastMed project (GFCM).
Theme: Training Workshop on Age Determination of Elasmobranchs in the GFCM Area, 8–12 October, Antalya, Turkey.
- 2012 Organization: Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture, H.C.M.R.
Theme: Next Generation Sequencing technologies and Informatics tools for studying Marine Biodiversity and Adaptation, 1–3 October, Heraklion Crete, Greece.
- 2011 Organization: Marathon Data Systems
Theme: Attendance of the seminar «Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)» ArcGIS I (ArcInfo-ArcView) version 10.x., 5–7 December 2011, Marousi (Athens), Greece.
- 2010 Organization: Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, European Centre of Environmental Research and Education (EKePEK) in collaboration with the Kytherian Foundation for Culture and Development
Theme: Europe and Environment: Climate change and biodiversity in the 21st century, 1–7 October, Kythera, Greece.
- 2010 Organization: John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation and the Institute of Oceanography/HCMR.
Theme: 2nd International Summer School “Mediterranean Marine Ecosystems: Functioning and Evolution”, 1–15 July, Athens, Greece.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS – AWARDS

- 2020 Body: European Union and Greek national funds through the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning-Support for Researchers with emphasis on young researchers-EDBM103".
Scholarship for conducting postdoctoral research about the "Intestinal microbial diversity of fishes in the Aegean Sea". Duration: from 1.03.2020 to 15.10.2021. University of Thessaly, Greece.
- 2019 Body: COST Action ALIEN-CSI CA17122
Grant for conducting a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) with theme «Contribution of Citizen Science towards marine alien fish monitoring in Europe», 16/02–18/03, Directorate D - Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.
- 2018 Body: EuroMarine Research Network
EuroMarine Individual Fellowship 2018 for participating in the seminar «Building the capacity of EU early career marine researchers to operate effectively at the science-policy- society interface», 17–20 June, Veli Lošinj, Croatia.
- 2018 Body: MarCons COST Action
Partial scholarship for participating in the seminar «Building the capacity of EU early career marine researchers to operate effectively at the science-policy- society interface», 17–20 June, Veli Lošinj, Croatia.
- 2018 Body: University of Konstanz, Limnological Institute
Scholarship for attending the Stable Isotope Summer School, 15–19 April, Konstanz, Germany.
- 2017 Body: EuroMarine Research Network
EuroMarine Young Scientist Fellowship for the attendance of the International Summer School in Ecological Data Analysis (EcoDAR2017), 10–15 July, Lesvos, Greece.
- 2012 Body: FAO EastMed project
Full scholarship of the FAO EastMed project for the attendance of the Training Workshop on Age Reading of Elasmobranchs in the GFCM Area, 8–12 October, Antalya, Turkey.
- 2010 Body: European Union (European Social Fund – ESF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning" of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF)
Heracleitus II, 3-year scholarship (2010–2013) for conducting a Doctorate Thesis.
- 2005 Body: State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.)
Scholarship for academic excellence in the frame of the two-year postgraduate studies in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.
- 2005 Body: Hellenic Society of Ichthyologists and Geotechnical Chamber of Greece
Award for best poster presentation of young scientists (1st award) in the frame of the 12th Hellenic Conference of Ichthyologists, Drama, Greece.
- 2001 Body: State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.)
Erasmus scholarship for the 6-month academic attendance in the University of Lüneburg, Germany.

7. RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7.1. Research experience

Current position

02/11/2020–Present

Fisheries Research Institute (FRI), Hellenic Agricultural Organization (ELGO-DIMITRA),
Nea Peramos, Kavala, Greece.

Principal Researcher (Fisheries Biology)

Postdoctoral research

01/04/2019–15/10/2020

Department of Ecology, Faculty of Science, Charles University (CUNI), Czech Republic
(partial collaboration with HCMR).

Scientific coordinator: Dr M. Rovatsos.

Topic: “Fish population genetics and sex chromosome evolution in elasmobranchs”.

01/03/2020–31/05/2021

Department of Ichthyology and Aquatic Environment, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece

Scientific coordinator: Prof. K. Ar. Kormas.

Topic: “Intestinal microbial diversity of fishes from wild populations in the Aegean Sea”.

EDBM103 Scholarship for young researchers to conduct postdoctoral research.

01/05/2016–17/10/2018

Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Inland Waters (IMBRIW), Hellenic Centre for
Marine Research (HCMR), Anavyssos, Greece.

Scientific coordinator: Dr A. Machias.

Topic: “Biological characteristics and population genetics of commercial fishes from the
Hellenic waters”.

Participation in research projects

01/01/2018–31/12/2020

“Gyaros MPA fisheries knowledge survey: assessing a pristine Mediterranean biodiversity
hotspot”. IMBRIW-HCMR. Role: Freelance Researcher.

01/10/2015–31/12/2015 and 02/09/2013–31/12/2013

“Data Collection Framework (DCF) - National Programme”. IMBRIW-HCMR.

Duties: Field sampling, age/growth estimation, maturity assessment, data analysis, reporting.

01/11/2005–30/06/2007

“Pythagoras II: Fisheries and Pollution Effects on Elasmobranchs from the Eastern
Mediterranean”. NKUA.

Duties: field sampling, determination of heavy metals concentrations in elasmobranch tissues, age estimation,
reproduction assessment, morphometric studies, data analysis, reporting.

2004–2006

“MedBlueSGen: A population genetic study on Mediterranean blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)
for stock identification and conservation in the Mediterranean Sea”. Joint Research
Centre/University of Bologna.

09/01–03/03

“Biomonitoring of infralittoral benthos on the NE coasts of the Thermaikos Gulf” Hellenic
Civil Aviation Authority of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Duties: sorting and taxonomical systematics of benthic species from soft substratum, data
analyses, and writing of report.

Funded research

1. “*T4.1, Enhancement of the framework for the application of innovative methods and techniques in the fishing sector and promotion of circular economy principles*”. LIFE24-IPE-EL-LIFE SIP GR Blue, 2025–2033. Role: Scientific Coordinator of T4.1.
2. “*Development of a fishery management plan for the common octopus fishery with traps in the northern Aegean Sea – OCTOPLAN*”. Marine Stewardship Council/Ocean Stewardship Fund. Role: Project Manager and Scientific Coordinator
3. “*Towards the improvement of current knowledge about the common octopus pots and traps fishery in the northern Aegean Sea*”. Marine Stewardship Council/Ocean Stewardship Fund. Role: Project Manager and Scientific Coordinator
4. “*Contribution of Citizen Science towards marine alien fish monitoring in Europe*”. COST Action ALIEN-CSI CA17122: Grant for conducting a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) at the Joint Research Centre (JRC), Ispra, Italy.
5. “*Population characteristics and heavy metal concentrations of benthic sharks from the eastern Mediterranean Sea*”. EU (European Social Fund – ESF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning" of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) for supporting doctoral theses. Heracleitus II, 3-year scholarship (2010–2013) for conducting a Doctorate Thesis. Role: Principal Investigator (conceptualization, proposal writing, research execution, and reporting).

7.2. Public sector and policy support

15/10/18–15/02/19

Directorate D - Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources Unit (D.02), Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.

Duties: Contract private fixed-term employee (full-time traineeship) working on the Development of Standardized Methods for Monitoring of the MSFD Biodiversity Descriptor.

01/11/07–31/10/2008

Ministry of Rural Development and Food, Department of Aquaculture and Inland Waters, Section of Marine Cultures, Athens, Greece.

Duties: Contract private fixed-term employee (full-time) working on the implementation of National and Community provisions relating to statistics on cultivated species (sea bream, sea bass, new species, tuna), the management and monitoring of marine culture facilities in Greece, the examination of investment projects, the implementation of the relevant legislation and the gathering and processing data, and generally all duties of the Department.

8. TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

8.1. Teaching and lab assistance of academic courses

- 2006–2012, 2014–2015 Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, N.K.U.A.
Courses: Zoology II (Undergraduate), Ichthyology (Undergraduate), General and Applied Ichthyology (MSc “Oceanography and Management of the Marine Environment”).
- 2004–2006 Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, N.K.U.A.
Courses: Zoology II (Undergraduate), Ichthyology (Undergraduate), General and Applied Ichthyology (MSc “Oceanography and Management of the Marine Environment”).

8.2. Student supervision and thesis support

- 10/07–07/17 Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, N.K.U.A.
Provided technical and scientific support (field sampling, laboratory analysis, and statistical processing) for: 1 Doctoral Dissertation (PhD), 4 Postgraduate (MSc) Theses and 10 Undergraduate (BSc) Diploma Theses.

8.3. Guest lectures in postgraduate programmes

- 03/05/2018 Faculty of Biology, Department of Zoology-Marine Biology, N.K.U.A.
MSc Programme: Oceanography and Management of the Marine Environment
Lecture: "Fisheries Biology and Stock Assessment: Stock assessment using molecular markers" (4h Theory, 1h Laboratory). *Invited Lecturer by the Faculty of Biology.*
- 2022–2024 School of Biology, Department of Zoology, A.U,Th.
MSc Programme: Fisheries Biology and Management
Lecture Title: Chondrichthyes (sharks, rays and chimaeras) in the Mediterranean Sea (2h Theory, 3h Laboratory).

8.4. Main supervision and Committees

- 2019– present Primary Supervisor: 3 Undergraduate (BSc) students and 3 Postgraduate (MSc) students.
Member: 1 PhD Supervisory Committee.

8.5. Organization of workshops and seminars

- 2021 Training Workshop on Sexual Maturity Staging of Elasmobranchs in the frame of the “European Maritime Day (EMD) In My Country Event 2021”. Participants: 25. Location: F.R.I., Nea Peramos, Kavala, Greece (Sept 21, 2021).

9. SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Dr Vasiliki Kousteni has published 36 articles in 22 peer-reviewed scientific journals (24 as first author and 20 as corresponding author), 36 conference proceedings (31 as first author), 21 technical reports (3 as first author) and 5 academic theses.

9.1. Academic theses

- A.05. Kousteni V** (2015). *Population characteristics and heavy metal concentrations in benthic sharks from the eastern Mediterranean Sea*. PhD Thesis, N.K.U.A., Athens, 2015, 546 pp.
- A.04. Kousteni V** (2009). *Treatment of metal-containing wastewater by a sulphate-reducing reactor*. Master of Science, N.T.U.A., Athens, 2009, 99 pp.

- A.03. Kousteni V** (2005). *Biological characteristics of the elasmobranchs Squalus acanthias and Mustelus mustelus and determination of total mercury concentration in their tissues*. Master of Science, N.K.U.A., Athens, 2005, 138 pp.
- A.02. Kousteni V** (2003). *Biomonitoring of infralittoral benthos on the NE coasts of the Thermaikos Gulf*. Undergraduate research project, A.U.Th., Thessaloniki, 2003, 108 pp.
- A.01. Kousteni V** (2002). *I. Analysis of phytoplankton and zooplankton biomass from Saronikos Gulf. II. Distribution of mesozooplankton*. Internship in the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (H.C.M.R.), Institute of Oceanography, Anavyssos, Athens, 2002, 56 pp.

9.2. International peer-reviewed journals

- B.36.** Jeffries D et al. (2025). The Tree of Sex consortium: a global initiative for studying the evolution of reproduction in eukaryotes. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, 38(7), 861–886, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jeb/voaf053>
- B.35.** Anastasiadou Ch*, **Kousteni V***, Vidoris P (2024). New records of the rare slender snipe eel *Nemichthys scolopaceus* (Anguilliformes: Nemichthyidae) in the Mediterranean Sea. *Examines in Marine Biology & Oceanography*, 6(4), 000645. <https://doi.org/10.31031/EIMBO.2024.06.000645> [*equal contribution]
- B.34.** Ragkousis M et al. (2022). Unpublished Mediterranean and Black Sea records of marine alien, cryptogenic, and neonative species. *Bioinvasions Records*, 12(2), 339–369. <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2023.12.2.01>
- B.33.** Kormas K, Nikouli E, **Kousteni V**, Damalas D (2022). Midgut bacterial microbiota of 12 fish species from a marine protected area in the Aegean Sea. *Microbial Ecology*, 86, 1405–1415. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-022-02154-x>
- B.32.** Di Crescenzo S, Ferrari A, Barriá C, Cannas R, Cariani A, Drewery J, Fernández-Peralta L, Giordano D, Hidalgo M, **Kousteni V**, Marino IAM, Massi D, Moura T, Rey J, Sartor P, Scacco U, Serena F, Stagioni M and Tinti F (2022) First evidence of population genetic structure of the deep-water blackmouth catshark *Galeus melastomus* Rafinesque, 1810. *Frontiers in Marine Science*, 9, 953895. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2022.953895>
- B.31.** **Kousteni V**, Resaikos V, Papatheodoulou M, Papageorgiou M (2022). Review of catch records of the bigeye thresher shark *Alopias superciliosus* Lowe, 1841 (Lamniformes: Alopiidae) in the Mediterranean Sea: historical and recent data with biological notes. *Journal of Fish Biology*, 101(4), 1067–1077. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jfb.15160>
- B.30.** **Kousteni V**, Anastasiadis A, Bariche M, Battaglia P, Bonifazi A, et al. (2022). New records of rare species in the Mediterranean Sea (May 2022). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 23(3), 417–446. <https://doi.org/10.12681/mms.28372>
- B.29.** Damalas D, Stamouli C, Fotiadis N, Kikeri M, **Kousteni V**, Mantopoulou-Palouka D (2022). The Gyaros island marine reserve: A biodiversity hotspot in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. *PLoS ONE* 17(2), e0262943. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0262943>
- B.28.** **Kousteni V**, Tsiamis K, Gervasini E, Zenetos A, Karachle PK, Cardoso AC (2021). Citizen scientists contributing to marine alien species detection: the case of alien fish and molluscs in the European marine waters. *Ecosphere*, e03875.
- B.27.** **Kousteni V**, Papageorgiou M, Rovatsos M, Thasitis I, Hadjioannou L (2021) First genetically confirmed records of the little gulper shark *Centrophorus uyato* (Squaliformes: Centrophoridae) from Cypriot waters. *Biodiversity Data Journal* 9, e71837y. <https://doi.org/10.3897/BDJ.9.e71837>
- B.26.** Palialexis A*, **Kousteni V***, Boicenco L, Enserink L, Pagou K, Zweifel UL, Somma F, Cheilari A, Connor D (2020). Good practices and lessons learnt from the evaluation of the biodiversity monitoring programmes of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive. *Marine Policy*. 128, 104473. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2021.104473> [*equal contribution]

- B.25.** Kousteni V (2021) Occurrence of a large female kifetin shark *Dalatias licha* (Bonnaterre, 1788) in the North Aegean Sea. In: New records of rare species in the Mediterranean Sea (March 2021). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 22(1), 199–217. <https://doi.org/10.12681/mms.25295>
- B.24.** Kousteni V, Mazzeleti S, Vasileiadou K, Rovatsos M (2020). Complete mitochondrial DNA genome of nine species of sharks and rays and their phylogenetic placement among modern elasmobranchs. *Genes*, 12(3), 324. <https://doi.org/10.3390/genes12030324>
- B.23.** Kousteni V (2021). Shedding light on the deep: The case of the velvet belly lanternshark in the North Aegean Sea. *Journal of Fish Biology*, 99(10), 101–117. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jfb.14702>
- B.22.** Kousteni V (2021). Morphometric description and biological notes on the rare kifetin shark *Dalatias licha* (Chondrichthyes: Dalatidae) from the Hellenic waters. *Journal of Fish Biology*, 99(1), 258–263. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jfb.14690>
- B.21.** Bo M, Al Mabruk S, Balistreri P, Bariche M *et al.* (2020). New records of rare species in the Mediterranean Sea (October 2020). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 21(3), 608–630. <https://doi.org/10.12681/mms.23674>
- B.20.** Kousteni V, Megalofonou P (2019). Reproductive strategy of *Scyliorhinus canicula* (L., 1758): a holistic approach based on macroscopic measurements and microscopic observations of the reproductive organs. *Marine and Freshwater Research*, 71(6), 596–616. <https://doi.org/10.1071/MF18474>
- B.19.** Kousteni V, Dogrammatzi A (2019). First morphologically and molecularly confirmed record of the rare sandy skate *Leucoraja circularis* (Couch, 1838) in Argolikos Gulf (central Aegean Sea). In: New Mediterranean Biodiversity Records (June 2019). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 20(1), 230–247. <https://doi.org/10.12681/mms.19609>
- B.18.** Kousteni V, Anastasopoulou A, Mytilineou Ch (2019). Life-history traits of the striped red mullet *Mullus surmuletus* (L., 1758) in the south Aegean Sea (eastern Mediterranean). *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, 99(6), 1417–1427. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0025315419000353>
- B.17.** Kousteni V, Christidis G (2019) Westward range expansion of the Indo-Pacific nakedband gaper, *Champsodon nudivittis* (Ogilby, 1895) in the Saronikos Gulf, Greece. *BioInvasions Records*, 8(1), 167–174. <https://doi.org/10.3391/bir.2019.8.1.18>
- B.16.** Kousteni V, Christidis G (2019). Historical records and new occurrence of the rare serpent eel *Ophisurus serpens* in the Mediterranean Sea. *Regional Studies in Marine Science*, 25, 100493. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rsma.2018.100493>
- B.15.** Kousteni V, Karachle PK, Megalofonou P, Lefkaditou E (2017). Cephalopod prey of two demersal sharks caught in the Aegean Sea (eastern Mediterranean). *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, 98, 81–88. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S002531541700159X>
- B.14.** Kousteni V & Anastasopoulou A (2017). Otolith radius, weight and fish length relationships for the striped mullet *Mullus surmuletus* (Linnaeus, 1758). In: New Fisheries-related data from the Mediterranean Sea. *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 18(3), 557–563.
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10. INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Google Scholar citations (25/4/2026) = 899 (h-index: 19, i10-index: 27)

Impact factor (2024) range = 0.9–11.3 (mean=2.42)

10.1. Participation in international expert groups

- 2021–present ICES Working Group on Biological Parameters (WGBIOP), Age and Maturity National Coordinator.
- 2024–present ICES Working Group on Cephalopod Fisheries and Life History (WGCEPH).
- 2021 ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC).
- 2021 GFCM Working Group on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems and Essential Fish Habitats (WGVME-EFH).

10.2. Participation in international exchange events

- 2025 ICES Otolith Exchange for *Mullus barbatus* (WKVALMU_1). Participation as an experienced age reader of the species.
- 2025 ICES Otolith Exchange for *Mullus surmuletus* (WKVALMU_2). Participation as an experienced age reader of the species
- 2022 ICES Elasmobranch Maturity Exchange Event. Participation as maturity stager of various ray species.
- 2022 ICES Elasmobranch Ageing Exchange Event “*Dipturus oxyrinchus*, *Raja brachyura*, *Raja clavata* and *Torpedo marmorata* Ageing 2022”. Participation as ager of all species.
- 2016 IFREMER WebGR Otolith Exchange for *Mullus surmuletus* and *Mullus barbatus*. Participation as maturity stager of both *Mullus* species.

10.3. Editorial board memberships

- 2020– present *Mediterranean Marine Science*
- 2018– present *Thalassas: An International Journal of Marine Sciences*

10.4. Reviewer in international peer-reviewed journals (since 2015)

Since 2015, Dr Vasiliki Kousteni has reviewed 82 scientific papers (103 reviews) in 26 international journals with an Impact Factor, as well as 11 papers for 4 scientific conferences. All reviews are verified through Web of Science (<https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/HNO-9384-2023>).