

# TAAL LEVI

Assistant Professor



I grew up in Los Angeles, in close proximity to the ocean and have never really moved too far from it. I studied Physics at UC Berkeley but a profound interest in natural history and ethnobotany led me to stay a little longer to add a Biology major. Sometime at Berkeley I became an idealistic young man (go figure) and became an activist for indigenous rights issues among other things. My first field position after college was spent working with a remote group of bow hunters in the Peruvian Amazon called the Matsigenka, which was a transformative experience that became part of my PhD research at UC Santa Cruz. Although I've become a hardened realist since then (sort of), I still find indigenous rights to be a theme in my personal and research interests. I enjoy being in the wilderness, carpentry, wild foods, coding (for real), my dog, and my family.



## ADVISOR & TEACHER

As an advisor I like to work closely with students to prepare them for their careers in wildlife research. I value mentoring both graduate and undergraduate students and hope to form long lasting relationships. When not advising, in the field or with my family I teach FW 320 Population Dynamics, Quantitative Conservation Biology, and FW 488 Problem Solving in Fisheries and Wildlife Science.

## RESEARCHER

My research applies field, lab, and quantitative methods to address basic and applied problems in wildlife ecology and conservation. This includes exploring the community ecology of infectious disease, how to manage subsistence hunting in the Neotropics, the ecology of brown bears and other carnivores, using environmental DNA for fish and wildlife management, and other related topics.

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