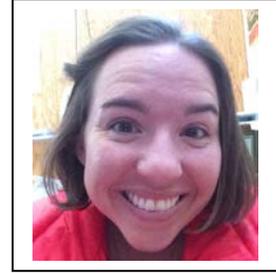


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Jessica is a 2nd year graduate student in the Integrative Conservation (ICON) and Ecology program at the University of Georgia (UGA). Prior to attending UGA, she received a B.S. in Aquatic Biology and a B.A. in Spanish from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an M.S. in Agroenvironmental Sciences from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. Since becoming a graduate student in 2013, her research has focused on examining the tradeoffs between water use by the public and aquatic organisms in Puerto Rico's El Yunque National Forest. Due to her involvement in the ICON program, which encourages students to complete a thesis involving both social and natural sciences, Jessica will be looking at how dams within the forest impact migrating aquatic fauna but also at what services dams provide to the public, including recreation and water use. Based on her research findings, she hopes to make recommendations to the U.S. Forest Service on how to best manage the maintenance of both migrating fauna populations, such as the American eel, and water services for local communities.