

Professor Júlio Ernesto Baumgarten (1965 – 2022)

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It is with great regret that we communicate the passing of our collaborator and professor, Dr. Júlio Ernesto Baumgarten, on 29 August 2022 (born on 13 March 1965, 57 years old). Professor Julio was a biologist and held a master's in Ecology from the University of Brasília and PhD from the University of Campinas. Professor Júlio was a member of the faculty of the State University of Santa Cruz (UESC) since 1999. He worked in the Department of Biological Sciences and was one of the founders of the Graduate Program in Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation. He supervised several master's and doctoral students, acting as graduate

coordinator from 2017 to 2019 and vice-coordinator from 2019 to 2021. In recent years, he dedicated himself to evaluating habitat selection applied to cetacean conservation, focusing on coastal areas in Bahia, Brazil. He was the coordinator of the "Baleias na Serra" Project, a highly relevant initiative for research and monitoring whales off the coast of Bahia, Brazil.

Our sincere posthumous thanks for his life and all his dedication to our workgroup. May the peace that surpasses all understanding guard the hearts and minds of his wife Deborah, daughters Júlia and Bianca, other family members, and friends.

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Figure 1. Professor Júlio Ernesto Baumgarten