



# BRENDAN COHEN

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## EDUCATION:

**Bachelor of Science, Major Zoology, with Distinction** → Monash University

## EXPERIENCE:

**Founder & President** - Emerging Scientists Network (*Royal Society of Victoria*)

April 2025 - Present

- Career pathways & industry opportunities for students, recent graduates & young professionals.
- Lectures, panel discussions, workshops, mentoring, film screenings with Q&A etc.

**Wildlife Researcher & Science Communicator** - University of Florida, Croc Docs (*Florida, USA*)

Oct 2025 – Nov 2025

- Surveying & biological sampling of American Alligators, Telemetry tracking of Burmese Pythons & Trapping invasive Argentine Black & White Tegus.
- Expedition photographer, social media producer/host & outreach educator.

**Coral Restoration & Photographer** - Coral Reef Restoration Program (*Cozumel, Mexico*)

Nov 2025 – Dec 2025

- Monitoring research projects, planting restored corals, cleaning coral platforms.
- Inhouse photographer.

**Interview Host** - Jackson Wild, Wildlife Filmmaking Conference (*Wyoming, USA*)

Sept 2025 – Sept 2025

- Pitched, branded, produced & hosted an interview series, called 'The WildSide Chats'.

**Safari Camera Operator & Science Presenter** - WildEarth TV (*Kruger National Park, South Africa*)

Nov 2024 – January 2025

- Filming live television of wildlife, presenter led segments & set-based interviews.
- Pitched, branded, produced & hosted a science talk show series, called 'The Wild Deep Dive'.
- Trained in traditional animal tracking, identification & monitoring.

**Researcher & Outreach Coordinator** - Eco Detection

Nov 2023 – Sept 2024

- Implement SOPs for data collection, analysis & identify growth opportunities.

**Education Facilitator** - Zoos Victoria

Mar 2021 – Sept 2024

- Present educational programs on animals, conservation & sustainability.

**Field Research Scientist & Photographer** - EnviroDNA

May 2023 – Jun 2024

- Platypus surveying, tagging, biological sampling & eDNA analysis.
- Inhouse photographer/videographer.

### **Educator & Presenter - BBC Earth Experience**

*Dec 2023 – May 2024*

- Co-developed the curriculum design & presented interactive workshops.

### **Lead Sustainability Consultant - Enel Green Energy**

*Aug 2023 – Dec 2023*

- Manage myself & a team of four consultants to research co-use of land options in a solar farm.

### **Science Communication Journalist - STEM Hub**

*Mar 2023 – Aug 2023*

- Research industry insights & pathways, interview professionals & design educational editorials.

### **Conservation Researcher & Storyteller - National Geographic & The Nature Conservancy**

*Feb 2023 – May 2023*

- Research how Melbourne's freshwater issues impact the distribution of platypus population sizes.
- Final grade of 100%, offered exclusive 1:1 mentoring & my project was selected to receive seed funding.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

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### **Event Facilitator - Wild Earth Oceania**

*Australia's first ever international wildlife film festival.*

### **Council Member - Royal Society of Victoria**

*Est. 1854, serving as youth representative.*

### **Science Journalist - Cool Green Science**

*Wrote an article for The Nature Conservancy.*

### **Editorial Committee - Science Victoria Magazine**

*Responsible for youth & early career initiatives.*

### **Voice Artist - National Geographic**

*Voice over for MapMaker: World Water Map.*

### **Judge & Radio Host - School Broadcast Network**

*- RE-Generation International Youth Film Festival.  
- SwitchOn Radio: Walk on the Wild Side.*

### **Panellist - ACMI: Meet the Filmmakers**

*Presented to over 200 aspiring students as a representative of Top Designs.*

### **Judge - BrainSTEM**

*- SDG Schools Challenge & Innovation Challenge.*

### **Interview Host - In2Wild**

*Created and produced an interview series.*

### **Event Speaker - EarthEcho/GenSea**

*Presented on digital storytelling in conservation.*

## **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

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### **Dean's Award: Science Communication - Monash University**

*Academic achievement & contribution to fellow students.*

### **Exhibition Artist - Melbourne Museum**

*Created an immersive video art exhibition.*

### **Filmmaking Grant - National Geographic & TNC**

*Produce & direct a short documentary on the platypus.*

### **Science Speaking Winner - Let's Torque**

*Victoria's annual competition, presentation on biomimicry.*

### **Young Explorer Nominee - National Geographic**

### **Fulbright Recipient - Masters of Science**



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

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### Courses:

- Certificate III, Tourism
- Rescue Scuba Diver + Nitrox
- Commercial Drone Operator License

### Programs & Software:

- Adobe Creative
- RStudio
- ArcGIS
- ArcStoryMaps
- DaVinci
- CapCut
- Unity (VR video) \*learning\*

### Personal interests:

- Triathlons
- Camping
- Family

### Research Skills:

- Biological surveying, monitoring, sampling & tagging.
- Telemetry tracking
- Camera, pitfall, tomahawk & eliott trapping.
- Bird misting & banding
- Sequencing and microscopy
- eDNA

### Mentee – CoalitionWILD

*Global mentorship for conservation changemakers.*

### Generation Leader - Earth Minutes (UK)

*Climate communications masterclass program.*

### Green Steps Leadership Program - Monash Sustainable Development Institute

*Innovative and practical sustainability consultancy training.*

### Data Storytelling for Environmental Impact - trubel&co (USA)

*Investigated impact of rising sea levels on climate equity in Florida.*

## REFEREES:

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