Elena Ruiz

Biologist

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SUMMARY

Biologist with 4 years of environmental consulting experience in west Florida, completing 45+ wetland and wildlife projects a year. Handles wetland delineation, listed species surveys and environmental permitting, with ArcGIS mapping and technical report writing that pass agency review. Uses strong communication skills with clients, engineers and county reviewers.

SKILLS

- **Wetland Delineation**
- **Listed Species Surveys**
- **Environmental Permitting**
- **Gopher Tortoise Surveys**
- **ArcGIS**
- **GPS**
- **Technical Report Writing**
- **Vegetation Sampling**
- **Microsoft Excel**
- **Communication Skills**

EXPERIENCE

Biologist

03/2024 - Present

Gulf Coast Ecological Services

Tampa, FL

Environmental consulting firm for residential, road and utility developers.

- Lead wetland delineations and listed species surveys on **45** residential and road projects a year in Hillsborough and Pasco counties.
- Write environmental assessments and permit sections for state and Army Corps submittals, with 18 permits issued in 2025.
- Manage gopher tortoise relocations under state permits, moving 160+ tortoises off active construction sites without losses.
- Present survey findings to clients and county reviewers, answering 6 permit requests for information within 30 days.

Biological Technician

06/2022 - 02/2024

Suncoast Environmental Group

Sarasota, FL

Field role with a 12-person ecological consulting practice.

- Surveyed 300+ acres for scrub-jay, eastern indigo snake and wading bird activity using standard state survey protocols.
- Collected GPS points and vegetation data in the field, then built ArcGIS maps used in 25 technical reports.
- Monitored 4 mitigation wetlands twice a year and drafted the annual monitoring reports submitted to regulators.
- Calibrated water quality meters and logged field readings in Microsoft Excel for a 4-person field team.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

University of South Florida

Biology

Tampa, FL

05/2022

CERTIFICATES

Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent 04/2024

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Basic Wetland Delineation Certificate 09/2022

Wetland Training Institute