

Instructor Biographies



Andrew Bridges, Ph.D., is a wildlife biologist who has worked with a wide variety of taxa while conducting wildlife management and conservation biology projects in ecosystems throughout North America. He has been involved with *Open Standards* conservation planning since 2013, and completed training to become a ccnetglobal.org conservation coach in 2016. He was an invited speaker at the 2016 International Conference on Island Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation on Terceira Island, Azores where he demonstrated how *Open Standards* can be applied by conservation biologists working in island ecosystems. He also has given presentations on the use of *Open Standards* at the The Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina in 2016 and International Congress on Conservation Biology in Cartagena, Columbia in 2017. Andrew has instructed workshops teaching *Open Standards* principles in the United States and Ecuador. He is currently the Co-Leader for the Conservation Coaches Network California-Sierras Franchise and is facilitating *Open Standards* conservation planning efforts on the California Channel Islands.



Quinn Shurtliff, Ph.D., is a wildlife biologist and conservation planning coach who helps individuals and teams understand and implement the *Open Standards* to improve conservation practice. Quinn has worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society and two private consulting companies. Since 2011, he has relied on the *Open Standards* in his day-to-day work to conserve greater sage-grouse and other sagebrush steppe species on a southern Idaho landscape. In 2012, Quinn received advanced training in leading the *Open Standards* process and has since trained individuals from four continents and facilitated/co-facilitated multiple workshops. Recent projects include: assisting the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to revise its State Wildlife Action Plan, supporting the development of a strategic plan to conserve the San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike, co-facilitating a training workshop for San Diego Zoo staff, and co-facilitating workshops at both the International and North American Congresses for the Society for Conservation Biology. In 2017, Quinn co-lead a coach training workshop in which he trained natural resource professionals how to lead teams through the *Open Standards* process.



Rob Sutter is a conservation ecologist. He was one of the developers of The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Action Planning process, the predecessor to the *Open Standards*. He is proficient in the *Open Standards* and *Miradi* software. He has planning experience in terrestrial, karst, freshwater, and coastal marine systems, and with climate change adaptation. He is proficient in the development of ecological (conceptual) models, situation diagrams, and result chains. He has led strategic conservation planning sessions using the *Open Standards* for two longleaf pine projects in Florida (2016), the Katahdin landscape in Maine (2016), a river restoration project in China (2016), a WWF terrestrial conservation plan in the United Arab Emirates (2014), a conservation plan for a privately owned island on the coast of Georgia (St. Catherines Island, 2013), the Missouri River (2009-2012), karst ecosystems of North America (2008), the poaching of wildlife in four East African countries (2008 – in Tanzania with the emphasis on developing result chains), headwater rivers of the Southeast United States (2007), and coastal and marine projects in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia (2006).