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Rachel's love for nature and science was kicked off by a childhood exploring the bayous and beaches of southern Mississippi. As a biology student at Loyola University New Orleans, she spent time in Laos researching Mekong River fishes, sparking a passion for travel and conservation. This wanderlust has taken her to 68 countries – six of which she has lived in.

In 2010, Rachel returned to Southeast Asia, this time to investigate illegal wildlife trade and natural resource use in Vietnam for her ecology master's thesis at the University of East Anglia, England. She published her research in the scientific journal *Oryx*. In 2011, she earned a second master's degree at New York University's Science, Health, and Environmental Writing Program (SHERP).

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