

# Ko Wai Kuen Ginger (PhD)

## How I got here:

Rajan was my teacher for one of UG courses, conservation ecology and then subsequently I joined his lab as UG Final Year Project student. From there, I continued my research career in his oyster lab – I spent almost 7 to 8 years in the oyster lab.

## What I did for PhD?

I started looking at the effect of ocean acidification and hypoxia on oyster larval proteome using 2D gel during my UG final year project – but somehow I was so interested in oyster aquaculture and knowledge transfer, rather than digging into molecular aspects. Rajan's lab allowed me to flourish in my area of interests while I have become PhD scholar with 5 publications including my landmark paper in Environmental Science and Technology. I have also received the Brian Morton Postgraduate Prize in Marine Biology for my PhD thesis.

## What I am doing now?

After my brief experience in working with Hong Kong oyster company and Nature Conservancy of Hong Kong, I have started my own company for oyster aquaculture and environmental education in Hong Kong.

## My contribution to the Lab: Rajan's view

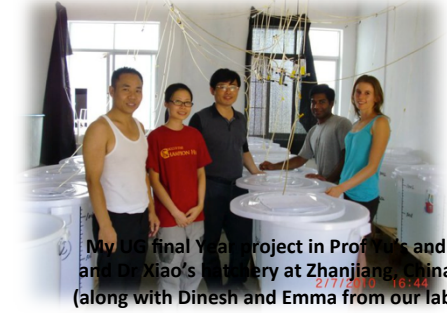
Ginger – you have stayed with us since your UG degree and have become part of our lab even now – that shows how far you have integrated with our lab. You will be highly remembered for 1) linking our lab with local oyster growers, 2) developing various knowledge exchange projects for our lab, 3) made our lab's oyster work visible through several local newspapers. I hope with these training in both oyster research and KE projects, you have become a science entrepreneur and started your own NGO company to promote oyster aquaculture in the region – wish you all the best, Ginger.

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My entry to oyster research from Lau Fau Shan oyster culture area



Spent most of my time playing with oyster larvae at SWIMS



My UG final year project in Prof. Rajan's and Dr. Xiao's laboratory at Zhanjiang, China (along with Dinesh and Emma from our lab)



One of my most favourite working places at SWIMS – doing OA experiment with oysters



Graduated – Very happy and thanks to all my lab members