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NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS **MODERN ANIMALS PALEOART**

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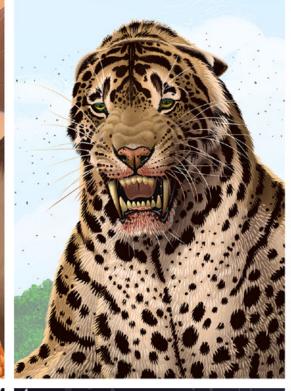






















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ABOUT ME



My name is Simone Zoccante and I'm an Italian natural history illustrator, graphic designer and paleoartist.

I am a zoology, natural history and paleontology enthusiast since I remember. Parallel to this passion for natural history I developed my art skills as self-taught.

After nearly **a decade** in the field of visual arts, from **graphic design to painting**, in 2020 I started with my career as a scientific illustrator and paleoartist.

In these last three years I've been working on illustrations for books and for museums, I've been holding classes and workshops about natural history and wildlife drawing, and

I've published books about the art of portraying animals and natural subjects.

I participated to several international wildlife art and paleoart contests and **in 2022 my works have been awarded at the** "Lourinhã Paleoart Contest" organized by the Museum of Lourinhã (Portugal), with the mural painting "I left my heart in Pikermi" and at the "Premio Italiano di Paleoarte" (Italian Paleoart Prize), organized by the museum of Montevarchi (Italy), with the painting "Infernum".

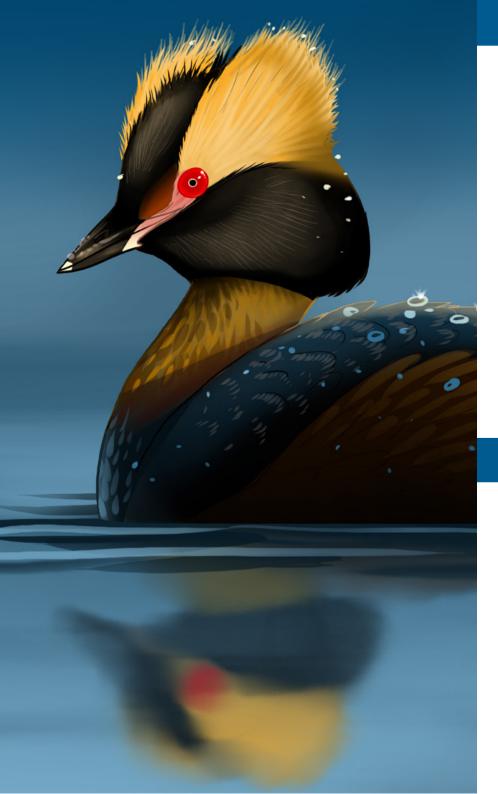
Although I've started my career with traditional media, now I mainly work in digital.

I am now specializing in large format paintings, especially mural digital paintings, for museums and exhibitions, but since I'm pretty versatile, I can easily work with smaller formats like illustrations for books and magazines.

In my works I always pay a lot of **attention to the environment**, especially when there are paleoart reconstructions. Before beginning the drawing, **I meticulously study the paleoenvironment** (climate, flora and fauna) and starting from those data **I reconstruct the scene and the key species which lived there**.

 $Lately \ I \ started \ working \ also \ as \ an \ \underline{independent \ researcher}, on \ scientific \ papers, \ especially \ about \ vertebrate \ pigmentation.$

I also collaborate with **Diorama Nature**, a web project about **natural history**, **as a writer and host in videos and podcasts**.



MY PUBLICATIONS



• THE BOOK OF PIKERMI

January 2023 – SIMONE ZOCCANTE

• TIME TRAVELLER – PALEOART MAGAZINE – PILOT

October 2022 | SIMONE ZOCCANTE / DIORAMA NATURE EDIZIONI

THE RIVER PHARAOH

July 2022 | SIMONE ZOCCANTE

MANUALE DEL WORKSHOP DISEGNO NATURALISTICO

January 2022 | SIMONE ZOCCANTE

ARTIFICI NATURALI

2020 - First Edition | SIMONE ZOCCANTE

• PROFESSION: WILDLIFE ILLUSTRATOR

2019 | SIMONE ZOCCANTE

VISION – ALLA RICERCA DELL'ARMONIA

2016 | SIMONE ZOCCANTE

MY EXHIBITIONS



- DENTRO E FUORI DALL'ACQUA WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION May 2023 / June 2023, Italy
- ICE AGE EXHIBITION DINOPARKE LOURINHA March 2023 / Ongoing, Portugal
- MONTEVARCHI ITALIAN PALEOART PRIZE October 2022, Italy
- LOURINHÃ PALEOART CONTEST 2022 X EDITION August 2022, Portugal
- CONCURSO ILLUSTRASCIENCIA 2022 IX EDITION April 2022 / October 2022, Spain
- CASTILLA Y LEON PALEOART PRIZE XIII EDITION January 2022 / April 2022, Spain
- MICROCEANO AREA MARINA PROTETTA MIRAMARE June 2021, Italy
- PALEOART EXHIBITION ITALIAN PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY (SPI) June 2021, Italy

AWARDS



- . MONTEVARCHI ITALIAN PALEOART PRIZE I AWARDED WITH HONORABLE MENTION I October 2022, Italy
- **2. lourinhä paleoart contest 2022 X edition i Awarded With Honorable Mention i** *August 2022, Portugal*
- . Castilla y Leon Paleoart Prize XIII edition i selected i January 2022 / April 2022, Spain
- 4. CASTILLA Y LEON PALEOART PRIZE XIII EDITION | SELECTED | January 2022 / April 2022, Spain
- **5. Concurso illustrasciencia 2022 IX edition i selected i** April 2022 / October 2022, Spai
- 6. PALEOART EXHIBITION ITALIAN PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY (SPI) I SELECTED I June 2021, Italy











SELECTED CLIENTS









RADICEDIUNOPERCENTO **ASSOCIAZIONE RADICE DI UNO PER CENTO**

















RICCA EDITORE











THE WINE CIRCUS **WINERY FROM PIKERMI, GREECE**



CIVICO MUSEO INSUBRICO

DI STORIA NATURALE - CLIVIO





DI CESENA



NATURALIS INSUBRIA



WWF ITALIA





PALEOSTOCK







ISTITUO NAZIONALE DI OCEANOGRAFIA **E DI GEOFISICA SPERIMENTALE**





FLORA OF PIKERMI

It has been said many times before, in this dossier, that during the Late Miocene, Europe was slowly become form a continent covered in lushy forests, to a huge mosaique of open woodlands and grasslands. It is also true that the process hasn't been so sudden. At the time there was an abundant diversity in the floral composition of sites like Pikermi, with a large coverage of broadleaved trees. Some of those still are a part of modern day flora of Europe.

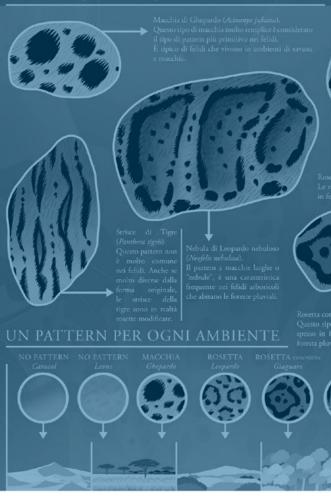


Platanus is a rather antique genus, its oldest fossil records are dated back to the Late Cretaceous, and it was quite common in the Paleocene too.
Plane trees are unique among the plants realm. The palmated leaves, the fruits grouped in the distinctive balls of achenes and the bark, that when is mature, it exfoliates easily on younger trunks, and cracks on older ones; all these are unmistakable traits of plane trees. During the Late Miocene Europe it was

common the species *Platanus leucophylla*. It had narrower leaves with dentate edges.

IL MANTELLO Dell'invisibilità

MACCHIE, NEBULE, STRISCE E ROSETTE



ADEANO BATTERI (PROCARIOTI) -251,9 MA



MY SERVICES & PRODUCTS



MY SERVICES & PRODUCTS

COMMISSIONED ILLUSTRATIONS AND GRAPHIC PROJECTS

- SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATION
- NATURALISTIC ILLUSTRATION
- COMMERCIAL, EDITORIAL AND ADVERTISEMENT ILLUSTRATIONS
- ILLUSTRATIONS AND DESIGNS FOR MUSEAL EXHIBITIONS
- PAINTINGS AND DESIGNS FOR ARTISTIC EXHIBITIONS

GRAPHIC PROJECTS FOR SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- INFOGRAPHICS
- BOOKLET DESIGB

DRAWING AND ART WORKSHOPS

DRAWING WORKSHOPS WITH NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY AND NATURAL SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

SPEAKER AT CONFERENCES

MY SERVICES & PRODUCTS

SCIENTIFIC EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATIONS



FIELD GUIDES
AND ZOOLOGIC MANUALS



ZOOLOGICAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS



SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATION FOR WEB PROJECTS



ILLUSTRATIONS
FOR SCIENTIFIC PAPERS



SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRTIONS FOR MAGAZINES

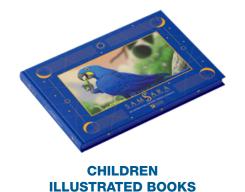
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COMMERCIAL AND ADVERTISEMENT ILLUSTRATIONS



THE ORIGINAL PROPERTY AND THE ORIGINAL PROPE

EDUCATIONAL GAMES





ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, DRAWING BOOKS, MAGAZINES



MUSICAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTS

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MY SERVICES & PRODUCTS

ILLUSTRATIONS AND DESIGN FOR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION



MURAL DIGITAL PAINTINGS



MUSEUM INFOGRAPHICS PANELS



EDUCATIONAL PANELSFOR TERRITORIAL PROMOTION

LEARN MORE ABOUT

ARTWORKS AND DESIGN FOR ARTISTIC EXHIBITION



ANIMAL DRAWING WORKSHOP



LIVE E ON-DEMAND SEMINARS

LEARN MORE ABOUT





SPECIALIZATION

THINKING OF AN ILLUSTRATOR often is imaging a skilled generalist drawer that creates illustrations of every kind and style, depicting all the kinds of subjects.

But not all illustrators are the same.

The category of illustrators I can be included is called "specialized by expertise".

It means I do illustrations all related to a specific thematic field: natural history and wildlife.

In these two pages you can find a **list of the subjects** that belong to my field of specialization and **the styles that I use the most** to create my illustrations, depending the reality I'm working with and the goals of the project I'm working on.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS



- KNOWLEDGE OF FLORA AND FAUNAL ASSEMBLAGES
- COMPELLING AND IMMERSIVE DEPICTIONS OF WILDLIFE
- STUDY OF LIGHT AND NATURAL PHENOMENA IN NATURE
- PROMOTION OF NATURAL BEAUTIES OF A CERTAIN TERRITORY

MODERN ANIMALS



- REALISTIC SUBJECTS
- HIGH SCIENTIFIC VALUE
- REALISM CONNECTS DEEPLY THE VIEWER TO THE SUBJECT
- NATURE COMMUNICATION THROUGH IMAGES
- AWARENESS OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE OF A TERRITORY

PALEOART



- UP-TO-DATE EXTINCT ANIMALS RECONSTRUCTIONS
- HIGH SCIENTIFIC VALUE
- VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS
- **DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL HISTORY AWARENESS**
- HIGH CULTURAL VALUE
- PROMOTION OF THE HISTORY OF A CERTAIN TERRITORY

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A STYLE FOR EVERY SITUATION

BEING AN EXPERTISE-DRIVEN ILLUSTRATOR doesn't necessary mean stick to one specific style. Here is a little collection of samples of the styles I master and I use the most. Some of them are perfect for narration, others for scientific concepts delivery, others are particularly indicated for commercial use such as advertisement or packaging design. Some styles are meant to be printed in large formats, others are at their best on small surfaces. Each style for each use.

DIGITAL PAINTING



- HIGHLY NARRATIVE
- IMMERSIVE AND COMPELLING
- EMOTION DRIVEN
- MEANT TO BE SAVOURED AND OBSERVED

BEST USE

- LARGE FORMATS
- MUSEUM OR EXHIBITIONS (INTERIOR DESIGN)

INFOGRAPHICS



- REALISTIC AND DETAILED REPRESENTATIONS
- COMPREHENSIBLE AND READABLE LAYOUTS
- INFORMATION DRIVEN
- MEMORABLE AND UNIQUE DESIGN

BEST USE

- BOOKS, MAGAZINES, EXHIBITION PANELS
- EDITORIAL OR EDUCATIONAL ILLUSTRATION

DIGITAL ENGRAVING



- VINTAGE LOOK IN A MODERN TASTE
- SIMPLE AND MINIMALISTIC DESIGN
- VECTOR

BEST USE

- FOOD & BEVERAGE PACKAGING DESIGN
- INTERIOR DESIGN
- ADVERTISEMENT

SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATION



- REALISTIC AND DETAILED REPRESENTATIONS
- SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE
- USEFUL FOR SPECIES IDENTIFICATION
- UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST STUDIES

BEST USE

- BOOKS (FIELD GUIDES), MAGAZINES
- EDITORIAL OR EDUCATIONAL ILLUSTRATION

VECTOR FLAT DESIGN



- EYE-CATCHING COLOURS
- CAN BE PRINTED IN EVERY FORMAT
- CAPTIVATING DESIGN
- SIMPLE, STRIKING, ENGAGING

BEST USE

- BOOKS (CHILDREN BOOKS), MAGAZINES, ADV
- COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (ADV)
- PACKAGING DESIGN
- INFORMATIVE ILLUSTRATIONS



I LEFT MY HEART IN PIKERMI | Late Miocene Pikermi Biota 59055 x 30709 px | 500 x 260 cm @300dpi

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



INFERNUM | "Bolt's Farm" Fossil Site 24315 x 10164 px | 121,2 x 86 cm @300dpi

VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



ANCIENT GADOUFAOUA | Cretaceous Niger Biota 28346 x 21260 px | 240 x 180 cm @300dpi

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION

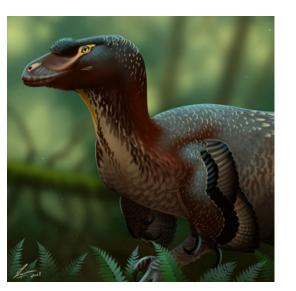


SMILODON FATALIS | La Brea Trinity pt.1 11811 x 11811 px | 100 x 100 cm @300dpi



ERYTHRISTIC MEGANTEREON 5906 x 5906 px | 50 x 50 cm @300dpi

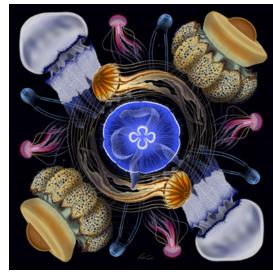
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DEINONYCHUS ANTIRRHOPUS 11811 x 11811 px | 100 x 100 cm @300dpi

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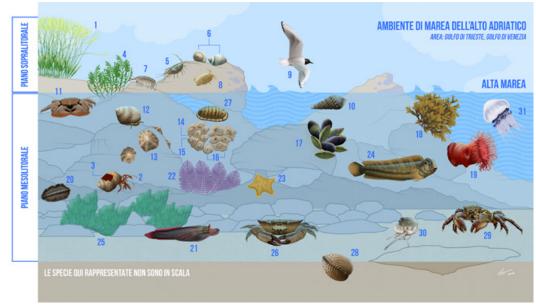
VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



CREATURES OF THE GELATINOUS WORLD - MEDITERRANEAN JELLYFISH 23622 x 23622 px | 200 x 200 cm @300dpi







GREAT INDIAN HORNBILL \mid Buceros bicornis

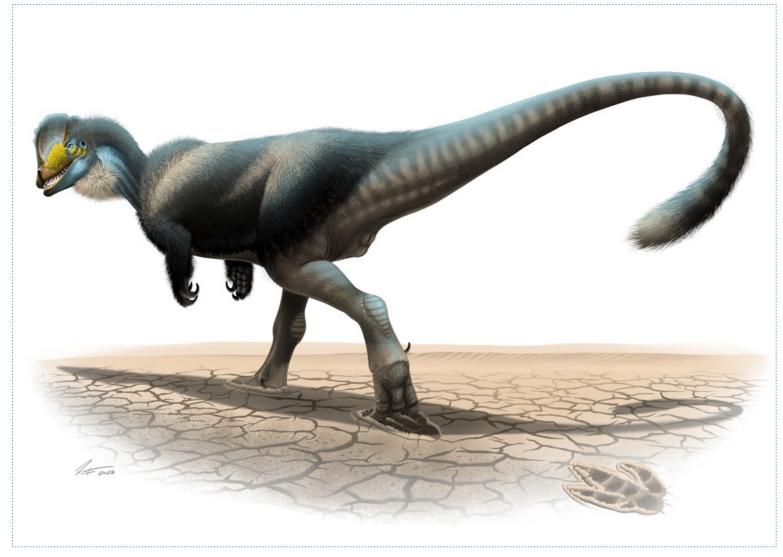
30709 x 21888 px | 260 x 185,3 cm @300dpi

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION

LOW TIDE & HIGH TIDE INFOGRAPHICS
"DENTRO E FUORI DALL'ACQUA" EXHIBITION

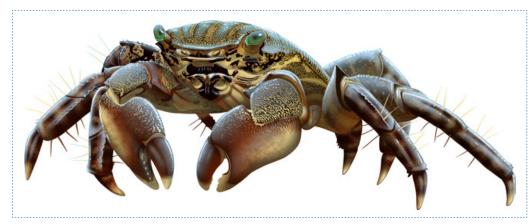
16535 x 9449 px | 140 x 80 cm @300dpi (each)



EUBRONTES ILLUSTRATION | "Viaggio nell'Italia selvaggia", Ricca Editore, 2023 28346 x 21260 px | 240x180 cm @300dpi

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



PACHYGRAPSUS MARMORATUS | Marbled Rock Crab Exhibition "Dentro e fuori dall'acqua" 2023 13606x5256 px | 115,2x44,5 cm @300dpi

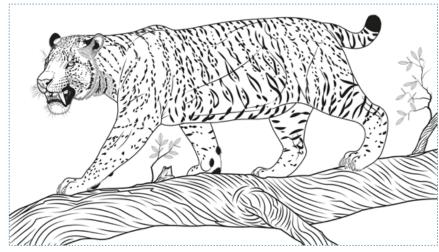
VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



SALARIA PAVO | Peacock blenny Exhibition "Dentro e fuori dall'acqua" 2023 17489x5195 px | 148x44 cm @300dpi

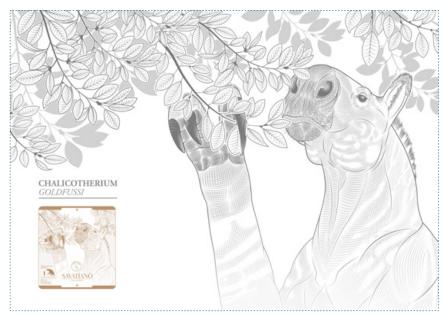
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SOME EXAMPLES OF FLAT VECTOR DESIGN

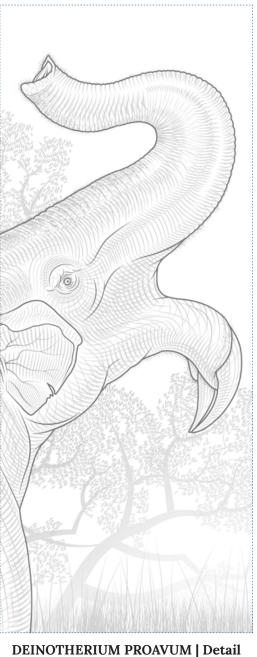


MEGANTEREON CULTRIDENS
VECTOR ILLUSTRATION

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CHALICOTHERIUM GOLDFUSSI VECTOR ILLUSTRATION



DEINOTHERIUM PROAVUM | Detail VECTOR ILLUSTRATION



METROPOLITAN SECRET LIFE VECTOR ILLUSTRATION

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION



LIKE A BUTTERFLY | Detail VECTOR ILLUSTRATION

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION

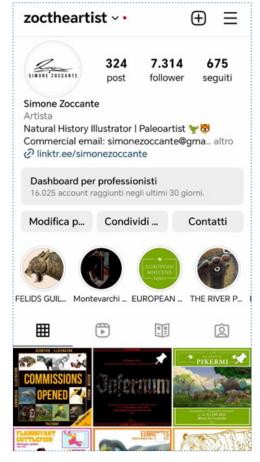


GIANTS OF THE PAST | Detail VECTOR ILLUSTRATION

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VIEW IN HIGHER RESOLUTION

MY PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



INSTAGRAM

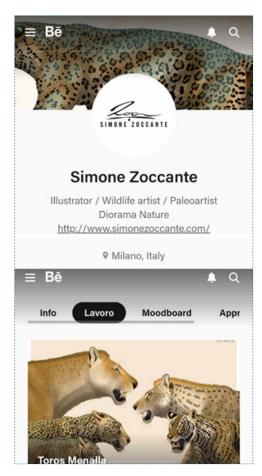


324 POST 7.314 FOLLOWER

Main place where I publish my **new works** and **drawing studies**.

I'm also active in keeping my audience updated in some **interesting news about** animals and paleoart.

It is currently **the main place** where you mostly **reach me and hire me for a job.**



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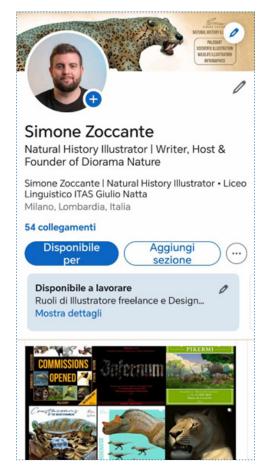


25 PROJECTS

HIGH QUALITY REPORTS

On this platform I use to upload a complete description of the main projects that I developed.

Opening one of the projects allows you to have a deep dive in the creative process behind my works.



LINKEDIN



ALWAYS UPDATES

MY JOB HISTORY

This social is the best place to know my job history and to know my thoughts about my work.

With this social I'm also able to keep in touch with paleontologist and partners around the world.



X / TWITTER



72 POST

1.473 FOLLOWER

X / Twitter gives me a more wide and content focus audience to interact with.

In here is also possible to learn about ideas, paleontology and natural history illustrations to be always on top of the game.

Here I also can reach people that are not available on other social media.



YOUTUBE



20 VIDEO 1900 VIEWS

Speedlapse and Live Drawings are the main content of this channel.

Currently **this channel is undergoing a restyling** so it has been inactive for a while.

TESTIMONIALS



WILLY GUASTI / ZOOSPARKLE









I would absolutely recommend collaborating with Simone because the work was done quickly. All the needs and even the most incredible details were satisfied. The work was already of very high quality to begin with, and Simone was very accommodating to my requests, which made me very happy with the final result.

I recommend working with Simone because he is a **perfect illustrator** for creating scientific drawings, especially in the field of paleontology and **paleoart**, as they are definitely one of the best.



MARCO COLOMBO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Exciting, Surprising, Accurate

I would say that our collaboration was exciting, especially because I already imagined that the result would be fantastic. It was surprising because it exceeded my expectations, and it was perfect due to the incredible attention to the smallest details.

For these reasons, I can only express extreme satisfaction with this collaboration, and I would undoubtedly recommend everyone to turn to Simone Zoccante. He has a unique and easily recognizable style, he is very communicative and clear, and beyond his professionalism, he delivers scientifically accurate work that reflects his passion for graphic arts and nature.

Stimulating, Professional, Entertaining

Collaborating with Simone is always a pleasure, given the passion he puts into illustration! I recommend working with him because he takes what he does seriously, and the bibliographic research he does before starting work is truly commendable!

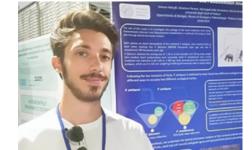


LORENZO PETER CASTELLETTO









SIMONE REBUFFI







MARCO MELIS



Professional, Collaborative, Fun

I had no doubts about Simone's work and professionalism.

The management of project timelines was precise and adhered to by Simone.

I highly recommend working with him if you want a high-quality, professional project with great artistic and scientific value.



Friendly, Punctual, Fruitful

High Quality Illustrations

landscape, a detail not to be underestimated.

industry.

Our collaboration went very well! We comfortably discussed everything, including the price, and I was highly satisfied. I definitely recommend it!

Usually, in this type of working relationship, there's sometimes a feeling of not being able to communicate effectively or a fear of discussing costs and prices openly... but with Simone, none of these things happened at all.

I commissioned Simone for a unique project: the creation of some imaginary specimens based on extinct or existing animal species. His study and

anatomical knowledge of animals allowed him to develop species that were

entirely realistic. The accuracy extends to the vegetation and the surrounding

Simone Zoccante is a highly skilled and promising professional in this field.

Therefore, I would recommend collaborating with him to anyone looking for

the quality, meticulousness, and scientific accuracy of his illustrations,

as well as his distinctive style that sets him apart from other artists in the





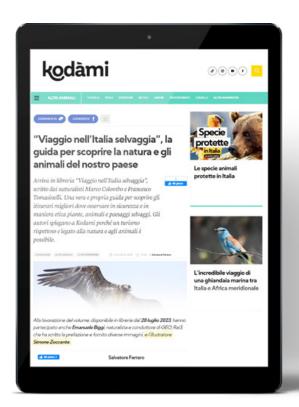


MARCO COLOMBO

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VALERIA CARNEVALI

SELECTED PRESS AND MEDIA





KODAMI

Article from the online newspaper **Kodami**, specialized in reporting news about animals and their world.

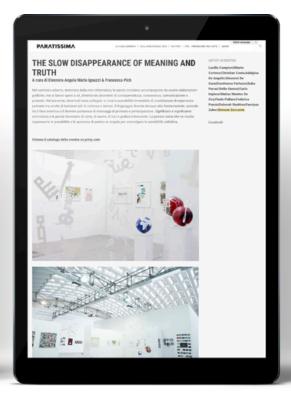
This article is the review of the book "Journey into Wild Italy" published by Ricca Publisher and written by Francesco Tomasinelli and Marco Colombo.

I participated in the book as an illustrator, creating an illustration for the occasion dedicated to EUBRONTES-KAYENTAPUS, for the dinosaur footprints found in Lido di Lavinio.

VARESE PER BAMBINI

Article from the local publication "Vareseperbambini" promoting the free educational workshop dedicated to the Spinosaurus Aegyptiacus aimed at children around 8 to 12 years old.

The two-hour workshop, held in collaboration with the Civic Museum of Insubria in Clivio and the dinosaur model specialist YouTuber "Dinorec," saw my involvement as a guest. I participated as a paleoartist who had extensively studied the dinosaur for a reconstruction done in a previous project.



PARATISSIMA

Official page on the "Paratissima" website, a cultural landmark for the city of Turin, dedicated to the temporary exhibition titled "THE SLOW DISAPPEARANCE OF MEANING AND TRUTH," curated by Eleonora Angela Maria Ignazzi & Francesca Pich.

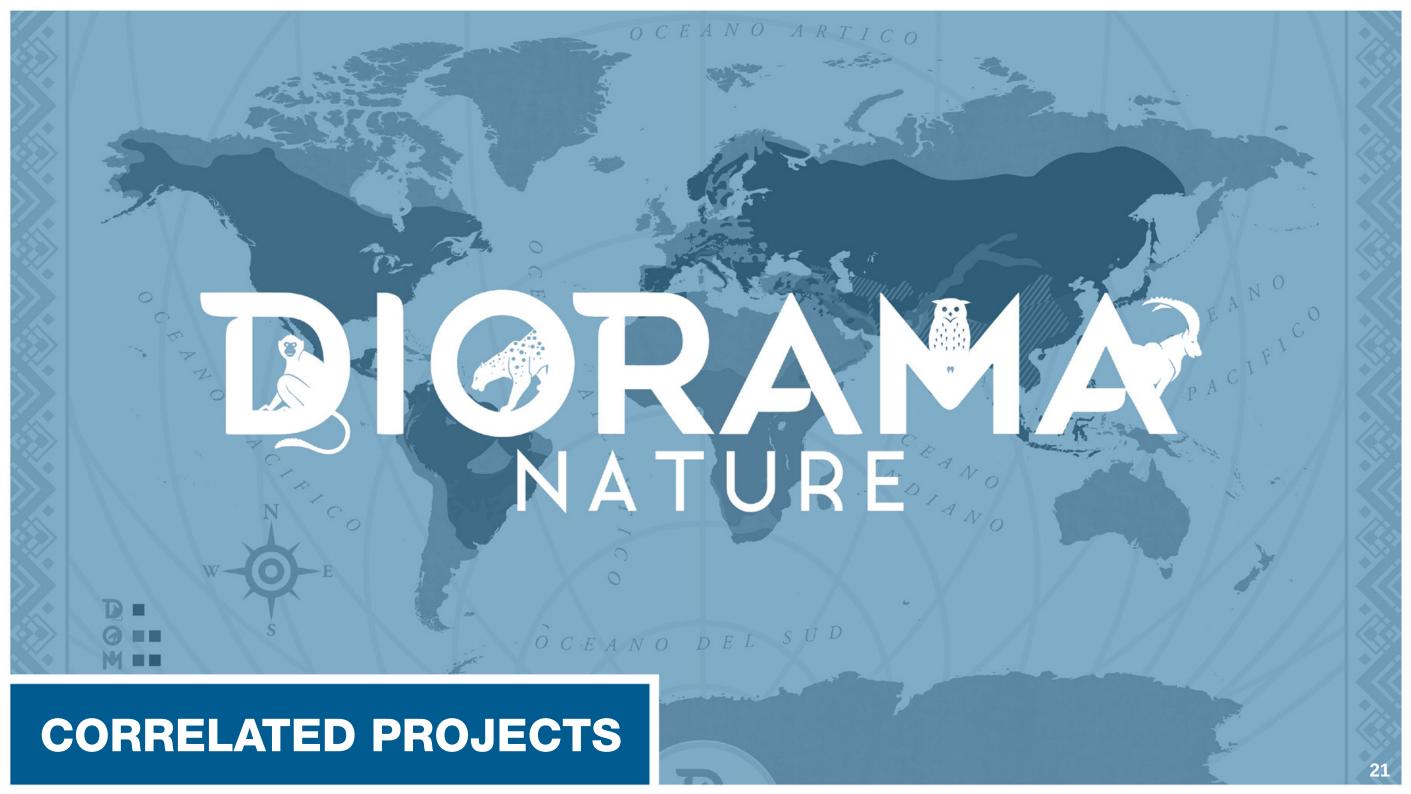
For this exhibition, I created three traditional technique artworks that merge glyphs and ideograms with environments that illustrate and amplify their meaning.



BENNY MARINEREADER

Review of the Limited Edition Collection of 20 copies of "The River Pharaoh," consisting of a 50x70 print of the artwork of the same title and an in-depth booklet about the animal and the artwork.

In the review, Benedetta Troni, writer and Natural Sciences University student, shares: "Visually, his drawings are a spectacle, especially the Egyptian-style bas-reliefs that accompany each page. In the second print, there is an almost manic attention to every scale of the Spinosaurus, creating a vivid and evocative image."







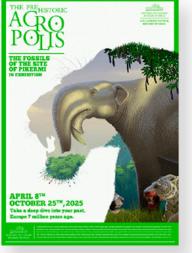


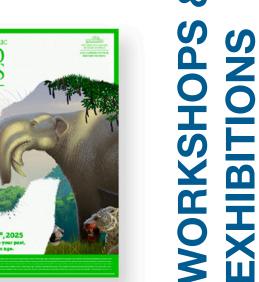
PAMA NATURE



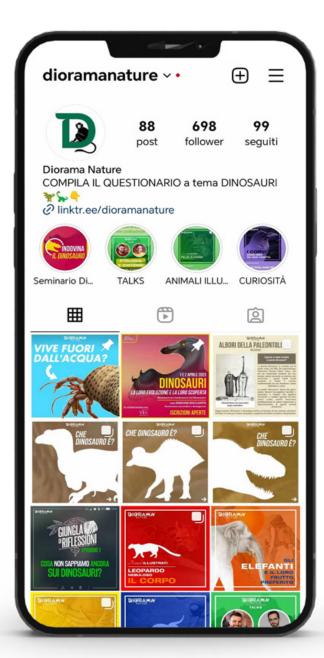
ZOOLOGY PALEONTOLOGY NATURAL HISTORY SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATION







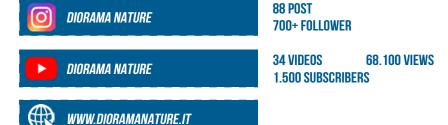
DIORAMA NATURE STATS











This project aims to be a gathering point for nature and animal enthusiasts.

The idea is to **communicate natural sciences** by conveying our content **in a designed-driven and visually appealing manner.** We strongly believe that when an important message is combined with an aesthetic presentation, the result is content with a remarkable impact.

Our goal is to **shed light on the secrets of nature**, **making them part of common knowledge**, bridging the gap between our consciousness as civilized human beings and our connection to the natural world.

You cannot protect what you do not know and love. We are confident that by sharing all the wonders of the natural world, we can stir the collective consciousness and help gain a better understanding of our role and what we can do to safeguard our planet.

On the Diorama Nature platforms, you will find content that stimulates your thirst for knowledge about the natural world, allowing you to understand and appreciate it even more.

To achieve this goal we create various kinds of infotainment and educational projects such as: video essays, social media posts, illustrations and infographics, workshops and digital or physical products like books and booklets.

THANKS FOR WATCHING



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