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**Short Biography:**

Maria Fernanda Pulido-Velosa is an environmental scientist, artist, and poet. She currently works at the Tishman Environment & Design Center in New York City advancing research projects at the nexus of social justice, environmental issues, design, and policy. Maria Fernanda holds a B.S in Environmental Studies, a B.A in International Relations and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management at The New School. Her main interests are in environmental justice, and indigenous and gender studies.

In the past year, Maria Fernanda worked as Associate Researcher with the UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Water Security at Florida International University (FIU), leading an investigation about the participation of women in water management in rural areas of Colombia, her native country. Simultaneously, she worked as Program Specialist with the FIU Tropical Rivers Laboratory managing communications and creative initiatives for citizen science projects in the Amazon Basin. In prior years, Maria Fernanda served as the Research Development Officer at the FIU Institute of Environment and as Program Manager at the FIU School of Environment, Arts and Society . Her experience also includes short-term projects with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).