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Prof. McCauley has a degree in political science and a degree in biology from the University of California at Berkeley. His PhD research was done at Stanford University where he studied the ecology of sharks, manta rays, and coral reef ecosystems in the tropical Pacific. Prof. McCauley did postdoctoral research at Stanford University, Princeton University, and UC Berkeley.

Prof. McCauley served as the Midway Atoll Acting Deputy Refuge Manager in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and has conducted research across the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. McCauley also served as a biologist with NOAA observing bycatch in the Hawaiian long line fishing fleet.

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