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Dr. Nicole F. Angeli has worked for the U.S. Virgin Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife since 2018, first as the Chief of the Bureau of Wildlife and currently serving as its Director since 2019. The Division of Fish and Wildlife is grant-funded, so much of the work focuses on conceptualizing, writing, and managing grants from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Insular Affairs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and local funds for Capitol Improvement Projects at the fish markets and boating access facilities in the U.S. Virgin Islands. New programs in the Virgin Islands since the inception of her role as Director include: Recreational Fishing License, Exotic Pet Amnesty Week, Natural Heritage Artists Fund, Territorial Natural Resource Permits, VI Wild, Invasive Species Community Eradication, Virgin Islands Stream Survey, GoFishVI, and the Reef Responsible Sustainable Seafood Initiative. Dr. Angeli serves as the USVI Proxy on the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council, the Vice-President for the Foundation for Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the Director Liaison for Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Minorities in Natural Resources Committee.

Dr. Angeli earned her B.A. from Johns Hopkins University majoring in Behavioral Biology and minoring in Africana Studies. She completed an Americorps Year of Service at the Jones Falls Watershed Association in Baltimore, Maryland before completing her Masters of Science in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology at the University of Maryland, College Park. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University followed by post-doctoral work at the Alabama Cooperative Research Unit in Auburn, Alabama. Dr. Angeli is a research associate at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History and has a strong record of scientific publications in peer reviewed journals, chapters in three textbooks, and a children's book about her research on endangered lizards of the island of St. Croix called, "The Lizard Lady". Much of her academic writing has focused on the conservation of endangered species, but Dr. Angeli has been an author on a substantial number of publications on a variety of topics revolving around broader themes of fish, wildlife, and invasive species.