

AGENDA

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THE EVALUATION OF THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CFP) : EXTERNAL DIMENSION



13th May 2025 (14:00h)

14th May 2025 (09:00h)



El Tinglado del Puerto de Vigo building,
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AGENDA - Tuesday 13th May 2025

14:00h OPENING OF THE SEMINARY

Mr. Carlos BOTANA, President of the Port Authority of Vigo.

14:15h INTRODUCTION ON THE CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION OF THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CFP) AND THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Mr. Roberto CESARI, Head of Unit, European Commission DG MARE Unit B4 – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fisheries

14:30h Day 1: INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Keynote speaker for day 1: **Mr. Ramón DE LA FIGUERA**, General Secretariat for Fisheries of Spain (MAPA)

14:45h SESSION I · The role of the European Union in the International Ocean Governance, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

Moderator: **Mr. Iván LÓPEZ**, Chair of the LDAC

Roundtable speakers: **Mr. Roberto CESARI**, DG MARE
Mr. Ramón DE LA FIGUERA, SGP-MAPA
Mr. Julio MORÓN, CEPESCA
Mr. Raúl GARCÍA, WWF
Mr. Neil ANSELL, EFCA
Mr. Ernesto PENAS, ICCAT

Exchange with participants and Q&A

16:30h COFFEE BREAK

17:00h SESSION II · Towards a new generation of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) and Fishing Investments in Third Countries

Moderator: **Mrs. Ángela CORTINA**, Vice-chair of the LDAC Working Group 4

Roundtable speakers: **Mr. Benoit CAILLART**, F&S sarl
Mrs. Béatrice GOREZ, CFFA-CAPE
Mr. Roberto CESARI, DG MARE
Mr. Taoufik EL KTIRI, COMHAFAT
Mr. Edelmiro ULLOA, ACEMIX

Exchange with participants and Q&A

19:00h CLOSURE OF DAY 1

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09:00h Day 2: IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN UNION PRINCIPLES

Keynote speaker for day 2: **Mr. Roberto CESARI**, DG MARE

09:30h SESSION III · How to strengthen the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing

Moderator: **Mr. Emil REMISZ**, Chair of the LDAC Working Group 2

Roundtable speakers: **Mrs. Susan STEELE**, European Fisheries Control Agency
Mr. Roberto CESARI, DG MARE
Mr. Ignacio FRESCO, EU IUU Coalition
Mr. Daniel VOCES, EUROPÊCHE
Mr. Roberto ALONSO, ANFACO-CECOPECA
Mr. Arne KINDS, EqualSea Lab (CRETUS, University of Santiago de Compostela)

Exchange with participants and Q&A

11:30h COFFEE BREAK

12:00h SESSION IV · How can the EU enhance food security and local livelihoods, ensure forced-labour free supply chains, and promote sustainable corporate practices in global seafood value chain?

Moderator: **Mr. Julien DAUDU**, Chair of the LDAC Working Group 5

Roundtable speakers: **Mr. Gaoussou GUEYE**, AFRIFISH-Net
Mr. Juan Manuel TRUJILLO, European Transport Federation
Mr. Francisco MARI, Bread for the World
Mr. Martin ORTH, DG EMPL
Mrs. Rosalie TUKKER, EUROPÊCHE

Exchange with participants and Q&A

13:30h LUNCH BREAK

15:00h SESSION V · How to leverage the power of the European Union's market in the future

Moderator: **Mr. Iván LÓPEZ**, Chair of the LDAC

Roundtable speakers: **Mrs. Yobana BERMÚDEZ**, CONXEMAR
Mrs. Anne-France MATTLET, EUROPÊCHE
Mrs. Vanya VULPERHORST, OCEANA
Mr. Miguel LÓPEZ, ConsumES Confederation

Exchange with participants and Q&A

17:00h CLOSURE of the Seminar

Mr. Iván LÓPEZ, Chair of the LDAC

SPEAKERS



Roberto ALONSO

Secretary General ANFACO-CECOPECA.

Roberto Alonso is Secretary General of ANFACO-CECOPECA, a private organization with 121 years of history and which brings together more than 250 companies from the Spanish sea-industry complex, including a leading Technological Center with more than 100 researchers. In his professional work, he represents and defends the strategic elements for the competitiveness of companies, interacting with various organizations (FDE, FAO, WTO) and public entities, participating in the advisory councils of the European Union (LDAC, MAC, CCSUD), in the European industrial association AIPCE-CEP, ESSA or EUROTHON presidency, as in various innovation initiatives such as the Technology Platform for Fishing and Aquaculture PTEPA, as Vice-President, or the Datalife HUB, as well as collaborating punctually in the execution and dissemination of R+D projects. He has a degree in Industrial Engineering as well as a master's degree in Industrial Innovation from the University of Vigo, and also he has completed the LEAD program taught by Stanford University in Corporate Innovation.



Neil ANSELL

Senior Officer for International Dimension, EFCA.

Neil Ansell is an international fisheries control expert with over 25 years of experience, including initially as a fisheries observer and inspector in a variety of fisheries and then as an MCS consultant in a number of regions most notably as a Technical Adviser on EU funded MCS projects in the Western Indian Ocean and East and West Africa. He then moved to the European Commission in DG Mare where he focused on international control policy, IUU and RFMOs. He has been in EFCA since 2013 and has worked on both operational and policy aspects of international fisheries involving close cooperation with DG Mare, international organisations, non-EU countries and a range of stakeholders. He is currently the Chair of several RFMO panels on control matters, including the PWG in ICCAT, the Compliance Committee in GFCM and the WPICCM in IOTC.



Yobana BERMÚDEZ

Director General of Conxemar.

She holds the presidency of the MAC (Market Advisory Council) and CEP (European Federation of National Organizations of Importers and Exporters of Fish), both European bodies based in Brussels.

Since her appointment as Director General of Conxemar, she has led the implementation of the association's first strategic plan with a 2026 horizon, aimed at addressing the challenges facing the seafood processing and marketing sector.



Carlos BOTANA

President of the Port Authority of Vigo.

His work involves permanently representing the Port Authority and its Board of Directors in any act and contract, and before any natural or legal person, whether public or private, in both judicial and extrajudicial settings, without prejudice to the delegation powers granted to the Board of Directors as provided in Article 31.2 of the Revised Text of the Law on State Ports and the Merchant Marine (TRLPEMM).

SPEAKERS



Benoit CAILLART

Director, F&S sarl.

Benoit Caillart has a PhD in fisheries management (Agrocampus Rennes, 1984). After starting his career in fisheries research (IRD, South Pacific Community), Benoit worked in the field of expertise in support of fisheries management. In this capacity, he is one of the main experts in charge of evaluating the external dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy on behalf of the European Commission, in particular the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) signed between the EU and various third countries in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. Benoit has also worked on strengthening international ocean governance, including Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and the promotion of international instruments aimed at improving the environmental and social sustainability of the fishing sector worldwide.



Roberto CESARI

Head of Unit, European Commission DG MARE Unit B4 – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fisheries.

Head of Unit at the European Commission, Unit B.4 "Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fisheries Policy". This Unit is responsible for implementing the European Union (EU) IUU Fisheries Policy under the EU Council Regulation N° 1005/2008 ("IUU Regulation"). Mr Cesari possesses thirty one years' experience in fisheries management within the European Commission and, for the past twenty eight years, he has been responsible, at various levels, for the European Union multilateral and bilateral international fisheries policy (EU Head of Delegation in various Regional Fisheries Management Organisations as well as Chief negotiator for the EU Sustainable Fishery Partnership Agreements and now, lead negotiator for the EU IUU dialogues with third country partners).



Ángela CORTINA

Technical Secretary for ARVI's Distant Water Fleets.

Ángela Cortina has a degree in Marine Biology and a PhD in Marine Biotechnology and Aquaculture from the University of Santiago de Compostela.

In 2018, she joined ARVI's R&D&I department, where she participated in and coordinated projects related to fishing efficiency and sustainability, improving life on board, and compliance with legislation.

Since 2022, when she became technical secretary for the DWF, Ángela works closely with longline fleets in highly migratory fish RFMOs, bottom longline fleets in the Indian Ocean, and freezer trawlers in NAFO, the Southwest Atlantic, and Northern Europe, serving as a link between administrations and shipowners.

Additionally, since 2024, Angela has been vice-chair of Working Group 4 on Bilateral Relations with Third Countries of the LDAC.



Julien DAUDU

Chair of LDAC Working Group 5 on Horizontal Issues. Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF).

Julien Daudu is the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)'s Chief Representative in Brussels, where he engages with key EU staff across the organisation's range of activities. Julien also participates in EJF's ocean-related investigations, building on his experience of working on fisheries-related issues – and more specifically the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and associated human rights abuses – for more than a decade, across a wide range of geographies. Since 2020, Julien has chaired Working Group 5 of the Long Distance Advisory Council (LDAC). Working Group 5 covers horizontal matters such as international ocean governance, IUU fishing and labour issues.

SPEAKERS



Taoufik EL KTIRI

COMHAFAT Executive Secretary.

Shortly before his appointment to the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation between African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (COMHAFAT), as Executive Secretary, Mr Taoufik El Ktiri worked at the Ministry of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, Aquaculture, Department of Maritime Fisheries, as Director of General and Legal Affairs, a post he held from 2016 to 2024. He was previously Director of Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture from 2013 to 2016.

An engineer by training, a graduate of the Institut agronomique et vétérinaire Hassan II in Rabat (Morocco) and holder of a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières in Canada, Mr El Ktiri joined the Ministry of Maritime Fisheries in 1998 as an engineer.

During his career, Taoufik El Ktiri has contributed to the development and implementation of national fisheries management plans, the modernisation of the small-scale and coastal fishing fleet, the introduction of control and monitoring systems for fishing activities, and the drafting of several regulatory texts to govern the development of fishing and aquaculture as part of Morocco's national fisheries development strategy 'Halieutis'.

As Morocco's delegate to international organisations such as ICCAT and the GFCM, he has demonstrated his commitment to the conservation of fisheries resources and shared stocks.

He also steered the national coastal development programme, which involved the construction of landing points and fishermen's villages. This programme also led to the construction of 6 landing stages for small-scale fishing in several countries on the continent (Senegal, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Congo Brazzaville) as part of the cooperation between Morocco and these countries.



Ramón DE LA FIGUERA

Sustainable Fisheries Director.

Ramón de la Figuera Morales holds a veterinary degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Master's degree in Evolutionary Biology from the same university. In 2006, he joined the National Veterinary Body, attached to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food (MAPA), where he has developed his professional career.

Since 2024, he has held the position of Sustainable Fisheries Director. Previously, he was appointed counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union and before he headed the Subdirectorate General for National Fisheries, Community Waters, and Aquaculture, and the Subdirectorate General for Regional Fisheries Agreements and Organizations.



Ignacio FRESCO

Senior Policy Advisor, OCEANA.

Ignacio Fresco Vanzini is a lawyer and policy advisor with extensive experience in civil society organizations focused on ocean sustainability and fisheries governance. He currently works to combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and promoting transparency in the fishing sector. As a member of Oceana, he collaborates with the EU IUU Coalition on legal and policy matters related to distant-water fishing. His work focuses on legal advocacy, fisheries policy analysis, and investigative research on key issues such as fisheries control, AIS monitoring, vessel beneficial ownership, and stock management. He actively engages with national and EU institutions to strengthen regulatory frameworks and enforcement mechanisms in the fight against IUU fishing.



Raúl GARCÍA

Director of Senior Fisheries Officer at WWF Spain.

Raúl García was born in Oviedo and has grown up in A Coruña. Since he was a child he has been devoted to the study and protection of nature. He studied Marine Sciences at the University of Vigo and since 2002 he has worked at WWF Spain as Senior Fisheries Officer, coordinating its fisheries program. Raúl is involved both in the political work of the organization, nationally and internationally, as well as in sustainable fishing projects on the ground, in about 35 enclaves. Raúl has been very involved in the recovery of Atlantic bluefin tuna and co-leads WWF's work at ICCAT and is also fully engaged in IOTC work and the rest of tuna RFMOs. He is member of the Southwest Waters Advisory Council and its vice-chair, and member of the Long Distant Waters Advisory Councils, of which he was vice president for 8 years.

SPEAKERS



Béatrice GOREZ

CFFA Coordinator.

Béatrice GOREZ has been spokesperson and coordinator of the Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA) activities since 1994. This included extensive collaborations with African artisanal fishing organisations and advocacy towards EU institutions on EU-African fisheries policies that affects African fishery dependent coastal communities.

Prior to becoming CFFA spokesperson and coordinator, Béatrice GOREZ was employed by the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) in its Brussels secretariat. She has also been employed, or volunteered, in various initiatives, such as the Fair Trade Max Havelaar Foundation, or the Belgian Green Party.



Gaoussou GUEYE

President of the Continental Platform of Non-State Actors in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture (AFRIFISH-Net) and President of the African Confederation of Artisanal Fisheries Professional Organisations (CAOPA).

Mr Gueye has been working in the fishing industry for 30 years. For some time now, he has dedicated himself to the functioning of professional organisations in the African artisanal fishing sector, while at the same time engaging in capacity-building for stakeholders and advocacy for sustainable small-scale fishing. The aim is to ensure food and nutritional security for the people of Africa.

Mr Gueye is President of the continental platform of non-state actors in fisheries and aquaculture (AFRIFISH-Net), President of the Confédération africaine des organisations professionnelles de la pêche artisanale (CAOPA), and President of the Association pour promotion et responsabilisation des acteurs maritimes artisanaux (APRAPAM) in Senegal.



Arne KINDS

Postdoctoral researcher at the EqualSea Lab (CRETUS, University of Santiago de Compostela).

He has a background in biology (BSc, 2009) and marine biodiversity and conservation (MSc, 2011). He worked at Ghent University (2011-2012) and the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO) (2012-2017), focusing on sustainability assessment, fishing gear innovation, and socio-economic research topics. In 2021, He obtained a joint PhD in Economics and Bioscience Engineering from the University of Western Brittany and Ghent University, with a thesis on ownership in the French Atlantic fishing sector.

His current research examines vessel and quota ownership in the global fishing industry, combining spatial data with ownership records to uncover patterns of unsustainable and inequitable resource exploitation, particularly by Distant-Water Fishing (DWF) fleets operating in the Global South. He interprets these patterns as symptoms of deeper, structural forms of exploitation, tracing how fisheries governance is shaped by and embedded in broader systems of global trade, capital, and corporate power.



Miguel LÓPEZ

President of the ConsumES Confederation

He has a background in biology (BSc, 2009) and marine biodiversity and conservation (MSc, 2011). I worked at Ghent University (2011-2012) and the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO) (2012-2017), focusing on sustainability assessment, fishing gear innovation, and socio-economic research topics. In 2021, I obtained a joint PhD in Economics and Bioscience Engineering from the University of Western Brittany and Ghent University, with a thesis on ownership in the French Atlantic fishing sector.

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SPEAKERS



Iván LÓPEZ

LDAC Chair.

With a degree in International Relations from Vesalius College of the Vrije University Brussels, Iván López is President of the National Association of Cod Fishing Vessels (AGARBA) and General Manager of Pesquera Ancora, as well as a member of the Governing Council of the Fishing Shipowners' Cooperative of the Port of Vigo (ARVI). He is also the Chair of the EU Bottom Fisheries Alliance (EBFA) and member of Spanish Fisheries Confederation (CEPESCA) and EUROPEÛCHE.

As manager he has worked in the processing industry and in fisheries operations in Spain, Argentina and Namibia.



Francisco MARÍ

Brot fuer die Welt, Senior Policy Officer on World Food, Agritrade and Maritime Policy.

Francisco Marí is working in the Lobby and Advocacy Department of the German church related development service "Bread for the World". Since 2004 he is lobbying against threats for food security in developing countries by EU policies and corporations. His focus is the support of self-representation of small-scale producers, especially artisanal fishermen, farmers and women in food processing.

After his studies in social psychology and law he worked during several years in Cameroon as legal advisor for a non-governmental organization and later as research and project manager on different topics in developing countries.

Francisco Mari is advisor and board member in different public and civil society organizations and author of various articles, studies and books on fisheries, standards and trade relations.



Anne-France MATTLET

Deputy Director of EuropeÛche

Graduated from the Institute of Political Studies of Paris and the National School of Maritime Safety and Administration of France, Anne-France Mattlet began her professional career at the Departmental Directorate of Territories and the Sea in Northern France until 2016.

Subsequently, and until 2020, she was part of the French Office of European and International Affairs for Fisheries. Between 2020 and 2022, she worked as a duty officer at the Maritime Rescue and Coordination Center of the French Mediterranean.

Deputy director of Europeche, she works on fisheries policies, including economic and social aspects. She is also in charge of EuropeÛche's tuna strategy comprising several pillars: tuna legislation and policy, governance, trade and market, scientific work and promotion of a responsible image of EU purse-seine operations.



Julio MORÓN

Managing Director OPAGAC / AGAC.

Since 2007, Julio Morón has been the Managing Director of the OPAGAC and the Association of Large Freezer Tuna Vessels (AGAC). Previously, he served as Deputy Director and Scientific Advisor to the organization in various tuna management commissions (ICCAT, IATTC, IOTC, WCPFC) and participating in fisheries agreement negotiations between the EU and Coastal countries.

Between 1994 and 1997, he was the Head of the Spanish Fisheries Office in Victoria, Seychelles, overseeing the Spanish tuna fleet's operations in the Indian Ocean across ports in Seychelles, Kenya, and Madagascar. He was also involved in negotiating EU fisheries agreements with Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles, and Mauritius.

From 1991 to 1994, he worked as an FAO Associate Expert in the Indo-Pacific Tuna Program (IPTP) in Sri Lanka, conducting tuna research in the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia.

In 2023 he was nominated Chair of the Confederación Española de Pesca (CEPESCA) and is also member Correspondent Academic of the Real Academia del Mar de España.

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Martin ORTH

Team Leader and International Relations Officer International Affairs Unit DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion European Commission.

Martin holds master's degree in politics and economics. He started his career in Slovak administration dealing with EU pre-accession assistance followed by positions in the European Commission first as a financial officer in DG Enterprise and Industry and later as a policy officer for social inclusion and fight against poverty and programme manager for the European Social Fund in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. In his current position as a team leader and international relations officer in DG Employment, he is responsible for trade and sustainable development and labour relations with selected partner countries.



Ernesto PENAS

President of ICCAT.

Biologist. 11 years of experience on marine and fisheries research. 30 years working for the European Commission on fisheries policy. 4 years as Director General for Fisheries in the Regional Government of Galicia. Visiting professor at the University of Washington, Seattle. Currently, President of ICCAT. Author of several books on fisheries management and the Common Fisheries Policy.



Emil REMISZ

Legal adviser. Chair of the Working Group 2 of the LDAC.

Emil Remisz is a legal adviser with over a decade of experience in the fisheries sector. For the past 10 years, he has been working with High Seas Fish Producers Organization in Poland, where he provides legal guidance on regulatory compliance and fisheries policy. His work supports producers in navigating the complex legal landscape of the seafood sector.



Susan STEELE

Executive Director at the European Fisheries Control Agency.

Born in Ireland, Dr. Steele has a degree in Marine Biology and a Ph.D. in Zoology. She completed an MBA and a Masters in Adult Education in 2007, followed by a Diploma in Business and Executive Coaching, a Certificate in Public Law, a Professional Certificate in International Regulatory Affairs, a Harvard Executive Certificate in Public Management and an International Chartered Director certification.

After completing her Ph.D. in 1998, she served as a postdoctoral researcher and lecturers and later as an instructor and head of training at BIM Regional Fisheries College. Between 2009 and 2013, she spearheaded innovation as the Head of Ireland's Seafood Development Centre.

In 2013, she joined the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority, serving as CEO and Chair until 2021. She joined EFCA as Executive Director in 2021.

SPEAKERS



Juan Manuel TRUJILLO

UNION TRADE Fisheries Officer: Syndicalist of Fisheries, FSC-CCOO Sea Sector. Fisheries Section Chair, European Transport Worker's E.T.F. and member of the Steering International Transport Worker's Federation ITF Fisheries Section.

Participates in the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee. Advisory Councils : LDAC, MARKET, CC SUD

Bureau of Fisheries Science for sustainable fisheries of MAPA and MINISTRY OF SCIENCES.

Public Employee in the company Autoridad Portuaria de Málaga.

Public Body Puertos del Estado and Port Authorities Spain.

Public Employees in the company of Malaga Port Authority.

Agency and State Ports Spain Port Authorities

Last but not least, we have Juan Manuel Trujillo, Head of Fisheries of the Sea sector in the Federation of Citizen Services of CCOO, who will address the 'Social Dimension in Food Security in Europe'. Food security depends not only on technical and regulatory factors, but also on the working conditions of those who work in the fishing and fishing industry. How can we guarantee decent and stable employment in the sector?



Rosalie TUKKER

Senior Policy Advisor.

Rosalie Tukker is Senior Policy Advisor at Europêche, executing EU and international advocacy and policy development on sustainable fisheries, trade, labour, and ocean governance. With a BSc in Marine Biology, a BSc in Ecology & Evolution and an MSc in Marine Resource Management, she bridges science and policy to promote responsible fishing that supports marine biodiversity, food security, and coastal livelihoods. Since 2017, she has advanced evidence-based strategies to align environmental, social, and economic goals in fisheries policy. She also leads EU-funded projects that Europêche coordinates or participates in, focused on safety at sea, training, and decent work. Additionally, she manages the Secretariat of the EU Commission's Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries.



Edelmiro ULLOA

Managing Director of ACEMIX (Association of Community Enterprises in Mixed Fishing Companies).

Graduated in Veterinary Medicine from the Complutense University of Madrid in 1986.

He began his professional activity in the Cooperativa de Armadores de Pesca del Puerto de Vigo (ARVI) in 1988 as Technical secretary. Since 2021, he has held the position of Managing Director of the Cooperative, as well as of its associations and organizations of fishing producers.

SPEAKERS



Daniel VOCES

Managing Director of Europêche.

Daniel Voces has a master's degree in law from the University of Santiago de Compostela. He later obtained a master in European Studies and a postgraduate degree in international maritime transport.

Since 2012, Mr Voces works for Europêche, the most relevant European association representing the fishing sector. In 2016, he was appointed its managing director. He has previous experience working as an intern in the European Parliament Fisheries Committee and the Galicia Europa Foundation on EU regional policies. Mr Voces has been appointed alternate member and advisor in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) for the period 2020-2025. He is a member of several EU Fisheries Advisory Councils and the European Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries.



Vanya VULPERHORST

LDAC Vice-Chair.

Campaign Director Illegal Fishing and Transparency, Oceana in Europe.

Vanya has been with Oceana since 2011 and has worked on Oceana's fisheries subsidies campaign and is currently leading on Oceana in Europe's campaign to stop illegal fishing and transparency, by increasing public information on vessels' end owners, EU seafood import controls as well as making the global long distance fleet more transparent, accountable and sustainable. She has an MA in International Relations and Economics from Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in Bologna, Italy, and Washington DC, and an MSc in Marine Resource Management and Protection from Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, UK. Before joining Oceana, she did a traineeship at the European Commission Directorate - General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

Information note about the LDAC

The Long Distance Advisory Council (LDAC) is an EU fisheries stakeholder body which provides evidence based advice to the European Commission and EU Member States on matters related to Fisheries Agreements with Third Countries, relations with Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in which the EU is a contracting party, or with international organizations in whose waters the EC Fleet operates, as well as other policy aspects such as fight against IUU fishing, social dimension or labour rights.

The LDAC is currently made up of 54 member organisations representing the fishing sector (including catching, processing and marketing sectors, and trade unions), and other groups of interest (environmental NGOs and civil society) from 11 EU coastal Member States.

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