



Meet Our Members

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When did you start to participate in LDAC meetings? What is your motivation for participating in them?

I joined LDAC approximately three years ago (May 2022). My motivation is to contribute to discussions that support responsible fisheries management and policies that ensure the long-term sustainability of seafood resources. Representing Bolton Food, I seek to engage with key stakeholders to align business practices with regulatory frameworks and market expectations.

What are in your view the three main priorities/current challenges for achieving sustainable fisheries?-

- **Science-based fisheries management: ensuring responsible stock assessments and harvest control rules to maintain healthy fish populations.**
- **Social and environmental responsibility: Strengthening human rights protections in seafood supply chains and reducing the environmental impact of fishing practices.**
- **Transparency and traceability: Enhancing monitoring systems to combat IUU fishing and improve accountability across the industry.**

Can you name an inspiring figure in your field of expertise?

Dr. Daniel Pauly, whose research has significantly advanced our understanding of global fisheries dynamics and the need for sustainable management practices. Another remarkable figure is Antonio García-Allut, a Spanish expert in fisheries management and founder of Lonxanet, an initiative that has empowered artisanal fishers to implement sustainable practices while maintaining economic viability.

Which book, radio show, TV series or film related to the sea would you recommend?

I recommend the documentary *The Fish on My Plate* (2017) where the author and lifelong fisherman Paul Greenberg embarks on a year-long journey, consuming fish at every meal to explore the health benefits of seafood and the sustainability of global fishing practices. The documentary delves into how responsible fishing and aquaculture can play pivotal roles in feeding the world's growing population. It presents a balanced view, highlighting both the challenges and solutions within the fishing industry, and underscores the importance of sustainable practices to ensure a healthy future for our oceans and global food security.

What is your favourite fish dish and why?

A classic Mediterranean tuna salad with olive oil, tomatoes, and fresh greens—simple, nutritious, and a great way to appreciate high-quality canned tuna.