



# Meet Our Members

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

ADAPL has been part of LDAC since its inception, and any members active for long enough will remember our previous Secretary-General, António Schiappa Cabral, chaired LDAC between 2007 and 2014. Being the only association in Portugal representing trawlers active in NAFO, Norway and the South Atlantic, and with external fisheries becoming increasingly more regulated at a Union level, LDAC was the natural place to make our voice heard when participating in the debates regarding RFMOs, bilateral agreements, and regulation of the external fleet in general. Personally, my first LDAC meeting was in 2016 and what I really wanted then was to tell the European Commission some choice words about the result of the previous year's EU-Norway negotiations.

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

Coordination between parties to be achieved both in the terms of UNCLOS and in bilateral ties. Understanding, predicting, and adapting to impacts of climate change in the Ocean. Aligning the incentives of stakeholders in land and at sea in a way that generates buy-in for the policies needed to continue producing high quality and low-impact food for Europeans. These might be 3 different topics, but they are all connected and impact one another.

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

I can name several, but most are still active in this business, and I wouldn't want to embarrass anyone with undue fandom. So let me tell you about Prof. Manuel Pinto de Abreu, Oceanographer, Academic, Naval Officer, and the single most intelligent person I've ever met. His capacity to draw on several distinct but connected fields of knowledge and personal experience and applying them in novel solutions for old problems – including in the field of fisheries - is something I'm always trying to emulate.

**I must also mention António Schiappa Cabral, whose work in ADAPI and LDAC we literally still build upon today. And lastly a word for Friar Serafim de Freitas, who might have lost the debate against Hugo Grotius back in the XVII Century but would probably feel at least partial vindication today.**

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

**The Quest of the Schooner Argus: A Voyage to the Banks and Greenland, by Alan Villiers, published in 1951. Also accompanied by a film, The Argus Campaign recorded by Alan Villiers himself while embarked to write the book. You can't easily find the film anymore, but you can watch something almost as good in The Lonely Dorymen, a National Geographic episode from 1968, which is fully available on YouTube.**

**What is your favourite fish dish and why?**

**Roasted bacalhau. Yes, it's obvious, but it's true. I like to let the ingredients talk for themselves, and that's just what a good bacalhau will do: olive oil, garlic, potatoes and a proper roasting dish are enough. Onions, tomatoes or olives can add something on the side, but there's already plenty of complexity in how the fish was caught, salted, dried, and rehydrated before cooking, and that will show itself without further fancy preparation. Bonus points: anyone can do it, anywhere, and it will always taste of Portugal.**