



# 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 in summer of 2023.**

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

- 1. The challenge lies in shifting the perception of fish from mere resources to integral components of marine ecosystems who live complex lives, critical for long-term sustainability and industry viability.**
- 2. It is difficult for the fishing sector to balance competing priorities of profitability, combating IUU fishing, labor rights, adapting to climate change, and improving animal welfare.**
- 3. From consumers to retailers, there is growing pressure to recognize and act upon aquatic animal welfare as part of its environmental and social stewardship.**

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

**Dr. Sylvia Earle.**

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

**My Octopus Teacher.**

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

**I don't have one, but I like tempura shrimp.**