

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

Since 2007, WWF has engaged with LDAC on several occasions concerning EU policy preparation. The mission of the WWF European Policy Office is to ensure that policies are adopted and implemented to sustainably manage and use our seas, as well as to secure the protection of marine wildlife and habitats for the benefit of people and nature. That is why WWF thinks it is important to engage in multi-stakeholders discussions.

What are in your view the three main priorities/current challenges for achieving sustainable fisheries (one line/sentence each max.)?

Implementing an ecosystem-based approach to sustainable fisheries management;

Ensuring coherence between fisheries and environmental policies;

Engaging stakeholders in ecosystem-based maritime spatial planning to ensure nature-based solutions are included in the strategies and activities of each marine sector.

Can you name an inspiring figure (preferably female) in your field of expertise (e.g. NGOs, Marine Sciences or commercial fisheries)?

Marie Tharp. She was the woman who mapped the ocean floor, disproving previous theories which promoted an entirely flat seafloor. Like many women in the 1950s, her role was diminished by gender descrimination, yet her renowned map still hangs in the offices of ocean scientists around the world.

"I was so busy making maps, I let them argue." - Marie Tharp

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

Blue Planet II because it opened our eyes to the worlds beneath the waves: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAphgHhlteM

The Life Aquatic because its funny

Jana Winderen - Composition from the Soundscape of the Anthropocene Ocean because I am not sure if its relaxing or not but it makes you realise that there is a big soundscape beneath the waves

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6Nbqwm48yM

What is your favourite fish dish and why?

Oysters with shallots and vinegar. Oysters help filter our seas of sediment and nitrogen, so they're ecosystem warriors in addition to being delicious, especially with a nice glass of wine.