

Partnerships for healthy ecosystems & sustainable fisheries - Collaboration between environmental NGOs, the fishing industry and science driving sustainability



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Hosted by MEP Francisco José Millán Mon

Oceans have been gaining unprecedented attention at international level: they offer an opportunity to tackle important societal challenges such as food security and climate change while the importance of marine biodiversity and ecosystem services has been increasingly recognized. However, environmental NGOs and the fishing industry often work in silos, leading to a polarization of views and poor results. This event aims to showcase that collaboration works. By presenting current schemes of cooperation, the event will outline how concrete, effective outcomes can be reached when the fishing industry and environmental NGOs join forces.

FINAL AGENDA

- 16:00 – 16:10 Welcome remarks: **MEP Francisco José Millán Mon**
- 16:10 – 16:25 Opening remarks: **Rosa Quintana Carballo**, Conselleira do Mar, Xunta de Galicia
- 16:25 – 16:35 Intervention by **Maja Kirchner**, acting Director of Fisheries Policy Atlantic, North Sea, Baltic and Outermost Regions, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission
- 16:35 – 17:35 Presentations of case studies (10' per speaker) by:
- **Catherine Barrett**, Fisheries Development Officer, Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Ireland's Seafood Development Agency: *BIM Clean Ocean initiative of Ireland*
 - **Doug Rader**, Chief Oceans Scientist and AVP, Environmental Defence Fund: *Protecting deep water corals off the South Atlantic Coast*
 - **Colin Attwood**, Associate Professor on Marine ecology and fisheries, University of Cape Town
 - **Daniel Formoso**, President, Provincial Federation of Fishermen's Guilds of A Coruña: *FLAG project MARLIMPO Plan and Econoia*
 - **Emilio Martinez Cadilla**, Director General, Espaderos del Atlántico S.A & **Pedro Ferreiro Velasco**, Fisheries & Markets Director, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership: *FIP Blues (Fisheries Improvement Project on Swordfish and Blue Shark Fisheries)*
 - **Rita Sá**, Head of the Oceans and Fisheries Program - Associação Natureza Portugal | WWF Portugal
- 17:35 – 17:55 Q&A discussion with the audience, moderated by **Ernesto Penas Lado**, Member, IUCN/CEM/FEG
- 17:55 – 18:00 Closing remarks by **MEP Francisco José Millán Mon**