

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Twenty-fourth meeting
18 – 21 June 2024

Discussion panel on “The ocean as a source of sustainable food”

Segment 1

The role of the ocean as a source of sustainable food, and the contribution of sustainable food from the oceans to the three pillars of sustainable development

Tuesday, 18 June

3 – 6 pm EDT

Panellist	Affiliation	Presentation
Stefán Jón Hafstein	Special Envoy for Ocean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland	<i>Aquaculture: the global picture and the future of blue foods</i>
Kevin Fitzsimmons	Director, International Initiatives in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona	<i>Keeping the ocean as a source of sustainable food: Replacing wild-catch in aquaculture feeds with more sustainable ingredients</i>
Jose Luis Chicoma	Senior Advisor on Food Systems for the United Nations Development Programme, Former Minister of Production, Peru	<i>Fish for Food: Overcoming Political and Power Challenges</i>
Maren Headley	Programme Manager, Fisheries Management and Development, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat	<i>The ocean as a source of sustainable food and its contribution to sustainable development in the Caribbean</i>
Gina Rico Mendez	Assistant Research Professor, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University	<i>Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish: Translating Knowledge Into Impact for Sustainable Aquatic Foods</i>
Claire Colegrove	Staff Attorney, ProtectedSeas	<i>Mapping the Future: The Role of ProtectedSeas Navigator in Global Ocean Sustainability</i>
David Jose Vivas Eugui	Chief of Section, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	<i>The potential of seaweed for trade & food security (pre-recorded)</i>

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Wednesday, 19 June

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Panellist	Affiliation	Presentation
Marian Kjellevold	Research Professor, Food Security and Nutrition, Institute of Marine Research, Norway	<i>Harnessing Aquatic Foods for Global Nutrition: Bridging Knowledge Gaps and Policy Perspectives</i>
Hettie Schönfeldt	Professor, Research Chair in Nutrition and Food Security at the University of Pretoria, South Africa	<i>Exploring the nutrient composition of different types of blue foods and their significance in delivering essential nutrients</i>
Julio Cordano	Director of Environment, Climate Change and Oceans at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile	<i>The Ocean and Climate Dialogue under the UNFCCC: recommendations to enhance climate policies in fisheries and food security (pre-recorded)</i>
Philipp Hess	Head of PHYTOX Research Unit, Chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (IOC-UNESCO)	<i>Harmful Algal Blooms – biological and chemical diversity in a changing climate and emerging risks for food safety and security</i>
Amund Måge	Professor, Head of Research, Seafood & Nutrition, Institute of Marine Research, University of Bergen, Norway	<i>Building resilient aquatic food systems through seafood safety and sustainable practices</i>
Sebastien Mathew	Executive Director, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)	<i>Small-scale Fisheries as a Source of Sustainable Seafood: Opportunities and Challenges</i>
Silvia Pastorino	Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition, Research fellow in Nutrition, sustainability and health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	<i>The role of aquatic foods in planet-friendly school meals (pre-recorded)</i>

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Christina Hicks	Professor, Lancaster University, UK	<i>The global contribution of oceans to livelihoods and nutrition and current threats</i>
Michelle Tigchelaar	Scientist, Climate & Environmental Sustainability, WorldFish	<i>Sustainable Aquatic Foods for Climate-Resilient Low-Emissions Food Systems (pre-recorded)</i>
Callum Roberts	Professor, Marine Conservation, University of Exeter, UK	<i>Rethinking fisheries sustainability for a fast-changing world</i>
Julio Morón Ayala	President, Spanish Fisheries Confederation (CEPESCA)	<i>Sustainable and Responsible fishing as source of healthy food supply to a growing population (pre-recorded)</i>
Lindy Weilgart	Senior Ocean Noise Expert and Policy Consultant, OceanCare	<i>The Impacts of Anthropogenic Underwater Noise on Fisheries, Fish and Invertebrates, and Ecosystem Health</i>
Maggie Broadwater	Program Manager, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) at NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, USA	<i>Harmful algal blooms and impacts to the environment, societies, and economies – Advancing solutions</i>

Segment 2

Maintaining and strengthening the role of the ocean as a source of sustainable food, including through enhanced international cooperation and coordination: challenges and opportunities

Thursday, 20 June

10 am - 1 pm EDT

Panellist	Affiliation	Presentation
Vera Agostini	Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	<i>Blue Transformation: Realizing the full potential of the ocean as a source of sustainable food</i>
Masanori Kobayashi	Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation	<i>Securing sustainable seafood through sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and climate change adaptation – opportunities and challenges</i>
Mauro Gongora	Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Department, Ministry of the Blue Economy, Belize	<i>The role of the ocean as a food source in the Caribbean and Central America - challenges and opportunities in international cooperation and collaboration</i>
Ana Margarida Ferreira	Senior Officer, Ocean at Cascais Municipality	<i>Ocean Policies and Blue Food: Cascais Sea Strategy, Local Governance in Practice</i>
Kyösti Lempa	Special Adviser, NordForsk	<i>The Seas as a Source of Sustainable Food in the Nordic-Baltic Region: Integrating Research, Practice and Policy</i>
Darius Campbell	Secretary, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)	<i>The ocean as a source of sustainable seafood – the regional perspective from North-East Atlantic Fisheries</i>
Delphine Schantz	Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), New York	<i>Promoting sustainable food sources through enhanced law enforcement at sea and crime prevention</i>

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Sylvain Gambert	Counsellor, European Union Delegation to the UN	<i>Fostering sustainable aquatic food production into international processes</i>
Joel Immanuel Matonga	Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Malawi	<i>Capacity building for the maintenance of the ocean as a source of sustainable food: a developing and least developed countries' perspective</i>
Rado Rakotosoa	Director general, Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy of Madagascar	<i>Harnessing the Ocean for ensuring food Security in Madagascar</i>
Shelika Funmilola	President, African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET), Nigeria	<i>Nigeria's Seafood: Crisis & Solutions, Understanding the Challenges and Exploring Potential Solutions</i>
Yoshitaka Ota	Director, Nippon Foundation Ocean Nexus Center; Professor of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island	<i>Food Sovereignty and Ocean Equity</i>
Jessica Gephart	Assistant Professor, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington,	<i>Sustainable seafood in the context of globalization</i>
Donald M. Anderson	Senior Scientist, Biology Department, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA	<i>New technologies and approaches to early warning, mitigation, and control of harmful algal blooms (HABs)</i>