



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 think it was in the middle of the pandemic. The organisations I represent have been part of the LDAC since its inception, though. What motivates me is the opportunity to ensure that the voices of the fishing industry are heard, in order to highlight the sector's current challenges, as these meetings are intended to be a forum for communicating with civil society and the European Union's institutions. If we can make them more receptive to our concerns, we will be able to make progress towards achieving sustainable fishing across the three pillars: environmental, social and economic.

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

- Science-based management of fishing stocks, getting proper data to allow accurate stock assessments. We need to fund our scientists properly!**
- Control of imports, making sure they abide to the same rules of environmental and labour standards.**
- Fighting against IUU fishing that undermines the level playing threatening not only the sustainability of the stocks but also the sustainability of the compliant fleets.**

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

Josefina Castellví, expert in microbial life of the ocean, bacteria and microalgae, she was the first woman to direct and Antarctic base.

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

So many I couldn't really pick one. For a book I'd recommend the chapter on overfishing from the book "Not the end of the world: Surprising facts, dangerous myths and hopeful solutions" by Hannah Ritchie. Using data science, we can escape the fake news, the click-bait and the emotionally driven management.

The first films that come to mind are "Master and Commander" and "Captains Courageous". Always in for an adventure at sea! These two particularly show the hardships and the beauty of sailing like any others.

What is your favourite fish dish and why?

Zamburiñas (*Chlamys varia*) or volandeiras (queen scallops or *Aequipecten opercularis*), just grilled with olive oil and garlic. So tasty... and packed with protein, healthy fats and trace minerals!