

Renowned fisheries scientist and Oceana Board Member Dr. Daniel Pauly has authored or co-authored over 1,000 scientific articles that are referenced around the world.



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## **The 'Ocean's Whistleblower'**

A new biography about Dr. Daniel Pauly's life and work is making waves

## **Plastic-Free Seas**

Two victories in Chile and Brazil will significantly curb plastic pollution

## **Bringing Hake Back**

Thanks to strong management, northern hake are now thriving



Dr. Daniel Pauly, his wife Sandra, and Oceana Board Member Valarie Van Cleave at Oceana's recent SeaChange event

Dear Friends:

Dr. Daniel Pauly is on the cover of this issue of our magazine, and if you do not know who he is, you will be pleased to meet him here. His research on the oceans has made him the most frequently cited ocean scientist in the world. His life, extraordinary for the scope of his research and insight (his career included long periods living and studying in Indonesia and the Philippines, followed by his current home in Canada), is even more amazing when you learn about his youth. He was born in France, the child of a Black American soldier and French mother, and adopted into a family in Switzerland. At 16, he dropped out of high school and moved to Germany to work in a Lutheran asylum, followed by a city hospital. Only later did he return to school, studying in the evening and working odd jobs during the day (including at a paint factory and brush factory) to support himself.

How does a person from such a disadvantaged start rise to be one of the most important people in the history of the world's oceans? You can get insight into the answer from his biography, *The Ocean's Whistleblower: The Remarkable Life and Work of Daniel Pauly*, just published this year. You can also see his interview, first published in

*Scientific American* and republished here on page 26.

Dr. Pauly is one of Oceana's longest-serving board members, and we have benefited from his scientific advice and strategic sensibility since our earliest days. Joining him for the first time on our board at our most recent board meeting is Antha Williams, who someday will also intrigue a biographer's interest. She leads the Environment Program at Bloomberg Philanthropies, and for six years she has been a key adviser and strategic force behind our "Save the Oceans, Feed the World" campaigns. Her expertise includes a deep knowledge of grassroots campaigning gained from personal experience as a campaigner and trainer of organizers. You can learn more about her in the "Supporter Spotlight" section of this issue on page 25.

The combination of a world-class marine scientist and a world-class grassroots campaigner and strategist on Oceana's board is a vivid illustration of the mix of skills that enables us to win national-scale ocean conservation policy outcomes. Our campaigns require us to confront powerful and self-interested companies that are overfishing and polluting our oceans.

Winning policy battles against them, even in countries led by notable anti-conservation presidents – Brazil's Bolsonaro, to mention one – requires us to be effective at science, law, communications, direct advocacy, and grassroots organizing. Happily, we rise to that difficult challenge, as our newest set of policy and corporate victories – including remarkable ones in Chile and Brazil controlling plastic pollution – make clear. Enjoy reading about them in this magazine on page 10.

Reporting policy outcomes to you in every issue of our magazine, published thrice a year, is one of the great pleasures of serving as Oceana's CEO. I never forget that these victories are possible only thanks to the generous contributions of our backers, and as a reader of this magazine, you are likely one of them. Thank YOU!

Together, we are steadily winning the policies that will restore an abundant ocean.

Sincerely,

Andy Sharpless  
CEO  
Oceana