

CONFERENCE

World Ocean Day - June 8th 2009 Expert Meeting - Rotterdam

Monday June 8th 2009 is World Ocean Day. Throughout the world scientists, politicians and fishing industry, meet to discuss our Oceans' problems and talk about possible solutions to preserve wildlife while at the same time trying to economically and sustainably fish. Also in The Netherlands World Oceans Day will be held. Delft University of Technology and Erasmus University Rotterdam will organise an international conference that day in the Rotterdam Zoo.

During a one day conference in the Oceanium of Rotterdam Zoo, experts from all over the world will discuss overfishing, illegal fishing and bycatch, fishing subsidies, aquaculture and alternatives for fish, Marine Protected Area's, improved fishing methods and technical innovations, etc.

During this top level expert meeting, it will be tried to assess the past, present and future condition of our Oceans, in order to call for a joint effort to realize a sustainable exploitation of our Oceans, for all parties involved. This conference is meant for (inter)national media, politicians and scientists. In the late afternoon the Dutch première of the film 'The End of the Line' after the book by Charles Clover is held, with an introduction of the writer. The film is premiered throughout the world coming June 8th.

Preliminary World Ocean Day, 8th June 2009 (9:00-17.00)

Blijdorp Zoo Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Our Oceans in the past

Dos Winkel - one of the world's top underwater photographers
Fabien Cousteau - grandson of Jacques Cousteau speaking about his legacy

Our Oceans now

Daniel Pauly - the world's most influential marine biologist
CEO Greenpeace The Netherlands - Liesbeth van Tongeren
WWF The Netherlands - Carel Drijver
The top National Geographic underwater photographer - David Doubilet
CEO Marine Stewardship Council - Rupert Howes
Sea Shepherd's First Officer - Alex Cornelissen
President of the Pelagic Freezertrawler Association - Gerard van Balsfoort

Miscellaneous

Omega-3 from fish or algae?
Aquaculture for better or for worse ?
50 years North Sea fishing policies
Contaminants in fish
Killing methods of fish
Transition or the future of subsidies

Our Oceans in the future

Minister for Fisheries of The Netherlands - Gerda Verburg
Europarlement - Dorette Corbey
Charles Clover - Science Journalist and author of 'The End of the Line'

**Premiere of the film by Charles Clover 'The End of the Line'
and discussion**

REGISTRATION

If you are interested in joining the expert meeting, please drop your name and e-mail address at:

[Registration Information](#)

Registration will start shortly, and you will be notified about this by e-mail.

Early registration fee for the whole day is 150 Euro (before May 15th), which includes admission to the Morning, Afternoon and Evening program, including coffee during the breaks, lunch, conference documents and a ticket for the Conference concert on Sunday 7th June in Rotterdam.

Public audience meeting

**Evening Program
World Ocean Day 8th June 2009 (19:30-22.00)**

Auditorium Rotterdam University

A big event in the auditorium of Rotterdam University is held the same evening for the general public. The auditorium with a capacity of a 1000 people, major ambassadors of our world's oceans will meet. With chairman Dr. Gail Whiteman, Fabien Cousteau (grandson of the famous Jacques Cousteau), Captain Paul Watson (founder of Sea Shepherd), David Doubilet (underwater photographer for National Geographic) and professor Michael Braungart (Cradle to Cradle) will discuss with the audience their visions on the Oceans and above all the possibilities the Oceans offer to humankind and the entire planetary eco system.

Fabien Cousteau, the legacy of Jacques Cousteau
David Doubilet, The under water life of a photographer
Capt. Paul Watson, A plea for a sustainable use of the world's oceans
Michael Braungart, Cradle-to-Cradle and sea life

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