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# Replay: "Fishing in the Twilight Zone: illuminating governance challenges at the next fisheries frontier"

Webinar organised by BLUE, IUCN and IDDRI

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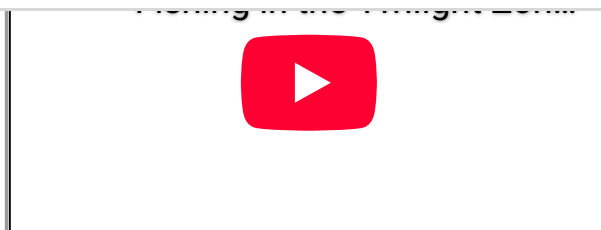
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The mesopelagic, or "twilight zone" - the waters of the open ocean at a depth of approximately 150-1,000 metres - hosts significant fish stocks. These fish are unpalatable but proposals are emerging to process them into fishmeal and nutritional supplements. As this vast midwater realm plays a role in the carbon cycle and food webs, the development of new fisheries could have global ramifications. Yet our scientific understanding is limited and the existing governance framework may not be ready to effectively manage mesopelagic fisheries.

This webinar introduces the science and ecology of the mesopelagic zone and explores the potential governance challenges for the sustainable development of new fisheries. The event will launch two new reports:

Fishing in the Twilight Zone: Illuminating governance challenges at the next fisheries frontier (IDDRI)

Entering the Twilight Zone: The ecological role and importance of mesopelagic fishes (Blue Marine Foundation)

With:

**Heidi Sosik**, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (Massachusetts, USA), on exploring the mesopelagic zone

**Callum Roberts**, University of Exeter (United-Kingdom), on the ecological role and importance of mesopelagic fishes

**Rachel Tiller**, SINTEF Ocean (Trondheim, Norway), on the "Sustainable Management of Mesopelagic Resources" project (SUMMER)

**Kristina Gjerde**, IUCN (Switzerland), on existing governance framework and the high seas treaty negotiations



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## Speakers



**HEIDI SOSIK**

Exploring the mesopelagic zone, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute



**CALLUM ROBERTS**

The ecological role and importance of mesopelagic fishes, University of Exeter



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## Location & Time

English-speaking webinar

03:30 pm - 05:00 pm CET

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