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José Soares dos Santos (Chairman)

Graduated in Marine Biology from Lisbon Classic University in 1986. CEO of Sociedade Francisco Manuel dos Santos BV, main Shareholder of Jerónimo Martins, since 2001. Board Member of Sociedade Francisco Manuel dos Santos SGPS SE. Board member of Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos since 2009. Chairman of Unilever Jerónimo Martins, Lda.; Chairman of Gallo Worldwide, Lda., and Chairman of Jerónimo Martins - Distribuição de Produtos de Consumo, Lda. He is Chairman of Oceanário, S.A. since September 2015.

Princess Laurentien van Oranje-Nassau

President of Fauna and Flora International, has worked on sustainability and climate change issues for over a decade. She was a Special Advisor to WWF and is currently a Special Advisor to “Rewilding Europe” and a Fellow of the European Climate Foundation. Established the Missing Chapter Foundation that promotes youth empowerment and inter-generational dialogue between children and business leaders. She is an expert in literacy through the Reading & Writing Foundation she set up and as UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development. She has written several (children’s) books, including the Mr Finney series on environmental issues, with translations into 8 languages. Together with her husband she established and runs an innovation centre in The Hague called ‘Number 5’. She also holds a range of honorary positions in culture and language-related organizations, including President of the European Cultural Foundation.

Jane Lubchenco

Former administrator of NOAA; Distinguished University Professor and Adviser in Marine Studies; Former U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean. A world renowned environmental scientist who has deep experience in the worlds of science, academia, and government. Nominated by President Obama in December 2008 as part of his “Science Dream Team,” she is a marine ecologist and environmental scientist by training, with expertise in oceans, climate change, and interactions between the environment and human well-being.

Kristian Parker

Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Oak Foundation and a member of its founding family. Directed the Oak Foundation's environment program since its inception in 1998 and has worked fulltime for the program since 2003. The Oak Foundation's environment program dedicates a majority of its resources to two of the world's biggest challenges: climate change and collapsing fishing stocks. Kristian is also a founding board member of OceansFive and a member of the Board of Oceana and ClimateWorks.

Nuno Vieira Matias

He was the Navy Chief of Staff from 1997 to 2002. He was also the Naval Deputy-chief of Staff, Superintendent of Material Services, Naval Commander and Commander-in-Chief of the Iberian Atlantic Area. He was a member of the Ocean Strategic Commission and Chairman of the Naval Marine. He is Vice-President of the Board of the Lisbon Geographical Society; member of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon; emeritus member of the Portuguese Academy of History; member of the National Council of Education; and member of the European Security Research Advisory Board of the European Union. He is an invited professor at the Institute of Political Studies from Universidade Católica Portuguesa and author of several papers and articles on maritime strategy, national security and economy of the sea.

SPECIAL ADVISORS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Julie Packard

Executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and Chair of the Board of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), a world leader in deep-ocean science and technology. Member of the Pew Oceans Commission and member of the Joint Oceans Commission Initiative.

Viriato Soromenho-Marques

Viriato Soromenho-Marques (59) teaches Philosophy in the Departments of Philosophy and European Studies of the University of Lisbon, where he is Full Professor. He is correspondent member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences and from the Marine Academy. He was the scientific coordinator of the Gulbenkian Environment Program (2007-2011). He wrote numerous works on Philosophy, Environment and International Relations matters.

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Tiago Pitta e Cunha

Has been working on ocean policies for 19 years, as a policy-maker in the United Nations, the Government of Portugal, the European Commission and as an independent consultant. He has been an advocate of the strategic importance of the oceans and seas both for Portugal and for Europe, in Lisbon and in Brussels. He is currently working as Chief Executive Director for the Oceano Azul Foundation. He is also a Member of the General Council of the University of Lisbon. He is a former counselor for Environment, Science and Maritime Affairs to the President of Portugal.

Emanuel Gonçalves

Is associate professor at ISPA – Instituto Universitário and vice-director of MARE – Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre. Has been involved in the creation, monitoring and implementation of Marine Protected Areas in several regions, including discussions on the high seas. Was deputy-head of the Portuguese Task Group for Maritime Affairs that built the National Ocean Strategy. Was coordinator of the EU Group that led the negotiations which approved the CBD Scientific Criteria for Identifying Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) in the marine realm. Is a member of the National Council of Environment and Sustainable Development.

R. Andreas Kraemer

R. Andreas Kraemer, Founder of Ecologic Institute, is currently Senior Fellow at Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS Potsdam) and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Canada, non-executive Director of the Fundação Oceano Azul, Portugal, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor of German Studies at Duke University. In 2015, he was Visiting Scholar at the MIT. His research focuses on the theory and practice of think tanks and how they function in different political systems, the interactions among policy domains and international relations, and global governance on environment, resources, climate and energy.

João Falcato Pereira

CEO of Oceanário de Lisboa, S.A. since 2006, has a BSc in Aquatic Sciences from the Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar, Porto, Portugal, and a postgraduate degree in Advanced Management from the Portuguese Catholic University. He was Manager of the Telecabine Lisboa, Lda. (2007-2012), Administrator of Gil Foundation (2012-2015) and member of the Directive Board of Fórum Empresarial da Economia do Mar (2010-2016). He is also member of the Directive Board of the Portuguese Association of Zoos and Aquaria and administrator of SIEOCEAN. Since 2013 he is a member of the Executive Committee of EAZA (European Association of Zoos and Aquaria) and, since 2014, President of the EUAC (European Union of Aquarium Curators).

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Heather Koldewey

Head of Marine and Freshwater Conservation Programmes - Zoological Society of London. She finds solutions through interdisciplinary research and conservation action on the interface between communities and environment. Co-founder of Project Seahorse, the world's leading authority on seahorses; developed Net-Works, that has developed a novel community-based supply chain for discarded fishing nets that are recycled into carpet tiles, and Project Ocean – retail activism in action, an innovative partnership between Selfridges and ZSL to bring ocean conservation to new audiences and change consumer buyer habits. Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Exeter, Cornwall campus.

Peter Heffernan

Chief Executive of the Marine Institute, Ireland's national agency for marine research and development, since 1993, which has grown from a staff of one to over 200 and a budget of €50 million. The Institute covers a number of areas, Marine Environment and Food Safety Services, Fisheries Ecosystem and Advisory Services, Oceanographic and Information Services, Irish Maritime Development Office, Policy Innovation and Research Services and Corporate Services. Following his PhD in the National University of Ireland, Galway, Dr Heffernan worked at the University of Georgia in the U.S. (1985 – 92). He was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy (MRIA) in November 2006 and received the NUI Galway Alumni Foundation Award for Natural Sciences in 2008. Dr Heffernan was appointed to the European Research and Innovation Area Board and subsequently to the Research, Innovation and Science Policy Experts by Commissioner Maire Geoghegan Quinn.

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