The Office for Science and Technology Department French Embassy in the United States and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography are pleased to invite you to a French Ameri-Can Climate Talk on Biodiversity (FACT-B) event on 29 May 2019 in San Diego on the theme "Biodiversity and Oceans".

This panel is part of the FACT-B conference series. Following the success of the Franco-American climate discussions (FACTS) developed in preparation for COP21 (Paris Agreement) and the Oceans Series (FACT-O), the French Embassies in the United States and Canada are launching the Franco-American discussions on biodiversity (FACT-B) in 2019. This includes two series of conferences in six cities (San Francisco / San Diego / Vancouver / Washington / Chicago / Toronto).

Nature plays a critical role in providing food, energy, medicines, and a variety of aspects that are central to our quality of life and cultural integrity. A landmark assessment published in May in Paris revealed that biodiversity is declining worldwide at a rate unprecedented in human history. This report, produced by the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), concludes that "transformative change is needed" to halt biodiversity loss and maintain the healthy functioning of the ecosystems that underpin all dimensions of human life.

The Embassy of France in the United States and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography are pleased to welcome Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary of IPBES, and Jean François Silvain, Director of Research at the French "Institut national de recherche sur le développement" and President of the Foundation for Research and Biodiversity - both of whom participated in the above-mentioned report - for a special round table at which they will discuss challenges for the conservation of ocean biodiversity.

Two speakers will join them for this event: Doug Bartlett, Professor of Marine Microbial Genetics, Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine, Marine Biology Research Division, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego; and Lisa Levin, Distinguished Professor, Integrative Oceanography Division and Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego; Founder and Co-Lead of the Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative and Co-Lead of the Deep Ocean Observing Strategy. The debate will be moderated by Natalya Gallo, Post-doctoral Scholar for the CalCOFI Program at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego; co-founder of the group Ocean Scientists "Ocean Scientists for Informed Policy".

The panel will be followed by an on-site reception.

This event is free of charge but registration is mandatory. Register by clicking HERE.

Date and Time

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
From 5:00 to 8:00 pm PST
Location

Scripps Seaside Forum
8610 Kennel Way
San Diego CA 92037