

**Biography**

Dr. Maria Lourdes D. Palomares was born in Manila, Philippines. She grew up outside the old walled city of *Intramuros* during the difficult days of the Marcos Regime. After completing her BSc in 1981 at the University of the Philippines (UP), she ventured into computer science, completing several programming courses. In 1982, she joined the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM) as research assistant to Dr. John Munro, then director of the Resource Assessment and Management Program (RAMP) and Dr. Daniel Pauly, then senior scientist of the RAMP. She completed her MSc in Environmental Science in 1987 at UP while working fulltime at ICLARM, and was promoted to Research Associate with the Capture Fisheries Management Program (CFMP) under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Pauly. Her work focused on the gathering, restructuring and analysis of data on tropical fish population dynamics, including growth, catch composition and virtual population analyses of the Peruvian *anchoveta*. In 1989, she left ICLARM for a PhD at the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse* with Dr. Jacques Moreau and with a grant from the French government. This added French to the list of languages she masters (fluency in English and Tagalog; reading Spanish).

In 1991, she rejoined ICLARM as a postdoctoral fellow with the FishBase Project, as a recipient of a grant from the *Association des Universités Partiellement ou Entièrement de Langue Française* (AUPELF, Paris, France). In 1996, she was appointed as Software Development and Database Scientist for the FishBase team. She was also a resource person in the FishBase-associated ACP-EU Initiative, 'Training Program on Fisheries and Biodiversity Management' coordinated by Michael Vakily. She participated in five training workshops as an expert and conducted two on her own, i.e., follow-up workshop on ecosystem modeling in Nouméa, New Caledonia and the follow-up workshop on the use of FishBase analytical tools (length-frequency and other biological tools) in Dakar, Senegal. In April 2001, she was invited to deliver the inspirational speech to the graduating class of the Institute of Biology at UP (Diliman, Quezon City), a recognition of her career as a Third World scientist. In September 2001, she was appointed as adjunct professor with the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM), University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna (UPLB). She also held a 'Certificate of Aptitude' (10-01 to 09-05) from the French *Ministère de la Jeunesse, de l'Education Nationale et de la Recherche*, a prerequisite for candidature to professorships.

She joined the *Sea Around Us* team at the Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada in September 2001. Her tasks included assuring that the integration of fish-related data generated by members of the *Sea Around Us* and other members of the institute into FishBase. She remained with the *Sea Around Us*, with increasing responsibilities from research associate to senior scientist; and in June 2017, she accepted a lead role as its Manager. In early 2017, Deng was appointed to lead Quantitative Aquatics (Q-quatics) as its Science Director. This Philippine NGO was established to host FishBase, SeaLifeBase and activities of the *Sea Around Us* as a member of the FishBase Consortium, of which Deng is the current coordinator. Her work continues, with the update of the *Sea Around Us* database of reconstructed catches of all of the world's maritime countries for 1950-2022 scheduled for release in mid-2026.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Positions held

- 17-02-2018 to present: Science Director, Quantitative Aquatics, IRRI – Khush Hall, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines.
- 01-06-2017 – present: Manager, *Sea Around Us*, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia, 2202 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4 Canada
- 01-09-2015 – present: Coordinator, FishBase Consortium
- 01-11-2005 – present: Lead, SeaLifeBase, Quantitative Aquatics, Khush Hall, IRRI, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines.
- 01-01-2007 – 31-05-2017: Senior Scientist, *Sea Around Us*, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, 2202 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4 Canada
- 01-09-2001 – 30-12-2006: Research Associate, The *Sea Around Us* Project, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, 6660 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T 1X2 Canada
- 01-01-1996 – 30-06-2001: Software Development and Database Scientist, The FishBase Project, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), MC PO Box 2631, Makati, Metro Manila 0718, Philippines
- 01-10-1991 – 31-12-1995: Post Doctoral Fellow, The FishBase Project, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), MC PO Box 2631, Makati, Metro Manila 0718, Philippines
- 01-04-1987 – 30-04-1989: Research Associate, Capture Fisheries Management Program, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management, ICLARM, MC PO Box 2631, Makati, Metro Manila 0718, Philippines
- 01-04-1982 – 30-03-1987: Research Assistant, Resource Assessment and Management Program, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), MC PO Box 2631, Makati, Metro Manila 0718, Philippines

### Awards

- UBC Faculty of Science Excellence in Service Award, December 2019.
- Frontiers in Marine Science Specialty Chief Editor Award, October 2018.
- One of five finalists of the outstanding Filipino women fisheries research scientists chosen by the Department of Science and Technology, Manila, Philippines in April 2005.
- Mia Tegner Memorial Grant, June 2004, Marine Conservation Biology Institute, Seattle, Washington. ‘Shifting the baseline’: a knowledge base of fish abundance anecdotes from early European explorations.
- Post-doctoral grant, 1991-1992, French marine science in FishBase, *Association des Universités Partiellement ou Entièrement de Langue Française* (AUPELF, Paris, France).
- PhD Scholarship from the French government, 1989-1990, thesis on the food consumption per unit biomass of fishes completed at the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse* under the supervision of Dr Jaques Moreau and Dr Daniel Pauly.
- BSc partial scholarship from the government of the Philippines, 1977-1981, completed at the University of the Philippines.

### Project Grants

- Minderoo Foundation, August 2024-July 2026, Deriving an index for the fish biomass currently left in the EEZs of the world’s maritime countries.
- Beagle Foundation, 2023-2025, *Sea Around Us* core funds.
- Marisla Foundation (Global Greengrants Fund), April 2017 to March 2018, November 2018 to October 2019, May 2020 to April 2021, November 2021-October 2022, August 2025-July 2026. *Sea Around Us* core funds.
- Oak Foundation, April 2018 to March 2025. The *Sea Around Us* as Support for the Oak Foundation’s Work on Small-Scale Fisheries

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EU H2020 Program 2021-2025, *Sea Around Us* as an Ecoscope Consortium member providing fisheries and related data.

Summit Foundation, January 2023-January 2024, Assessing the top 20 stocks caught by the fisheries of Belize, *Sea Around Us* project funds.

Oceana, February 2022-January 2023, Incorporating micronutrients as a measure of the catch, *Sea Around Us* project funds.

David and Lucille Packard Foundation, June 2018 to May 2020; July 2020 to June 2022; July 2022 to June 2024. Helping the *Sea Around Us* to help more of Civil Society.

EU PECH, January-December 2022, The role and impact of China on world fisheries and aquaculture, *Sea Around Us* project funds.

EDF, August 2021-July 2022, Creating the SeaLife Nutrients tool in SeaLifeBase, SeaLifeBase project funds.

Pew Charitable Trusts, September 2020-December 2021, Assessing the large pelagic stocks of French Polynesia, *Sea Around Us* project funds.

Pew Charitable Trusts, September 2018 to August 2020. Biodiversity at EEZ level and Tuna assessment of French Polynesia.

Rare, July 2018 to June 2020 and September 2020 to August 2021. *Sea Around Us* core funds.

Conseil Sous-Regional de la Pêche (MAVA Foundation), July 2019 to June 2021, Support for Sustainable Management of Small Pelagic Resources in the Area of the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission.

Oceana, July 2017 to June 2018 and September 2018 to August 2019. Assessing exploited stocks of the world using the CMSY method.

Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, November 2016 to December 2017. *Sea Around Us*: A global, community-driven marine fisheries catch database.

OEKOFISHMAN Project collaborator (2013-2015): SeaLifeBase covering the marine biodiversity of the Baltic and North Seas

Global Ocean Legacy specific projects for island marine biodiversity program: SeaLifeBase and FishBase covering the marine biodiversity of the Pitcairn (2011), Kermadec (2012) and Easter Islands (2013). Negotiations on-going for mapping the marine biodiversity of French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Palau (July 2014-June 2015). Marine biodiversity of seven Mediterranean islands via SeaLifeBase and FishBase (March-April 2014): collaboration via the Sea Around Us.

Marisla Foundation (Global Greengrants Fund), September 2010-August 2011; September 2011-August 2012; September 2012-August 2013; September 2013-August 2014. SeaLifeBase as a repository of biological data of marine organisms of the Western Pacific Ocean, Antarctic and Western Indian Ocean, respectively.

Canadian Fund for Innovation, October 2010. Database development to support the Sea Life Abundance Project (database maintenance fund), Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia.

ASEAN Center for Biodiversity mini-grant, April-October 2010. The ASEAN Center for Biodiversity as the Southeast Asian Seas OBIS regional node.

Census of Marine Life for Seamounts Online mini-grant, June 2008. Enhancing Seamounts Online with occurrence records from historical expeditions.

Biodiversity Research: Integrative Training and Education (BRITE) workshop on “Creating your own research database: linking with major biodiversity information systems such as FishBase and SeaLifeBase”, 14-18 February 2011, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Ocean Biodiversity Information System mini-grant, April 2007. ‘Enhancing the World Register of Marine Species through SeaLifeBase.’

Canadian Fund for Innovation, December 2006. Database development to support the Sea Life Abundance Project, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia.

Oak Foundation, November 2010 to October 2011. SeaLifeBase covering the marine biodiversity of Belize. Science Conference, Belize June 29-30, 2011.

The Willow Grove Foundation, January 2006. Donation to enhance the contents of the SeaLifeBase database.

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Oak Foundation, October 2005- September 2011. SeaLifeBase global information system of marine biodiversity.

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Palomares MLD, Khalfallah M, Woroniak J and Pauly D (eds.) (2020) Assessment of 14 species of small pelagic fish caught along the coast of Northwest African countries. p. 69-96 In: MLD Palomares, M Khalfallah, J Woroniak and D Pauly D (eds.). *Assessments of marine fisheries resources in West Africa with emphasis on small pelagics*, *Fisheries Centre Research Report* 28(4), Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia.

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