

## “MEET THE EXPERTS”

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### Heike Vesper

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*“We should never forget: There is just one planet. It is our responsibility to protect and conserve it. We lost already a lot and facing future challenges it is more than overdue to act. We all need to rethink and to treat our environment more respectfully.”*

Heike Vesper is director of WWF Germany's Marine Program at the International WWF Centre for Marine Conservation in Hamburg. She is also Chair of the Board of the International Baltic

Sea Foundation for Nature Conservation.

A biologist by training, she works for WWF Germany since 1999. First thematically focused on the EU's Common Fisheries Policy, she later initiated the fisheries market approach (involvement of consumers and businesses) for WWF Germany and the European WWF network, to back the political work to establish sustainable fisheries.

### Karoline Schacht

EU Fisheries Policy,  
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*“As a marine biologist I strived to commit myself to something useful and political - because a lot is at stake out there - and joined WWF 10 years ago.*

*I am responsible for the project to work on the EU's common fisheries policy at WWF. The mixture of political lobbywork, translating scientific findings into policy advice, and exchange with the public is both challenging and rewarding.*

*What I learned through the years, also through my work as a freelance writer selling marine and maritime stories to journals, magazines and newspapers, is that there are many ways to work on ocean protection: on stage and behind the scenes. All of them are necessary, there is no easy way towards solution for a highly complex question.”*

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**This is an open event** for all interested participants from Bachelors students to Post-Docs. You do not need to be registered with the ISOS.

**Venue:** large conference room, GEOMAR (Düsternbrooker Weg 20)

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