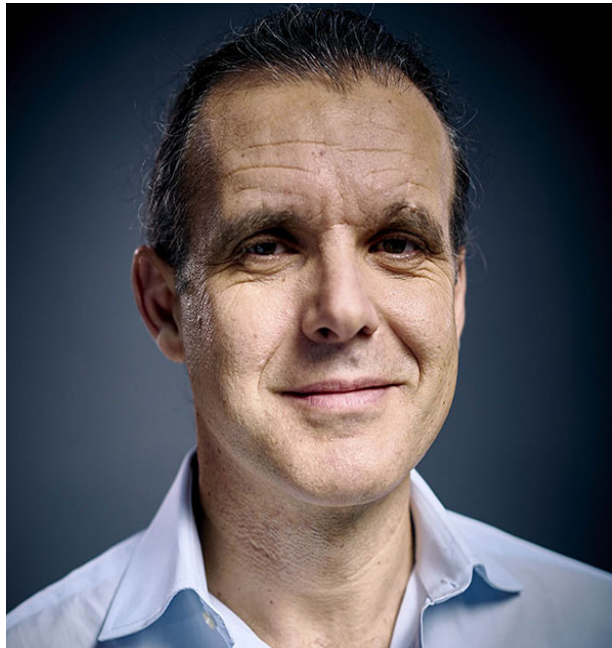




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Dr. Enric Sala is a former university professor who saw himself writing the obituary of ocean life, and quit academia in 2008 to become a full-time conservationist as a National Geographic Explorer in Residence.

He founded and leads *National Geographic Pristine Seas*, the award-winning and globally lauded initiative that combines exploration, research, education, media, economics, and policy – working with local communities, Indigenous Peoples and governments to protect vital places in the ocean.

To date, *Pristine Seas* has helped to create 29 of the largest marine reserves on the planet, covering an area of over 6.8 million square km (the size of the Amazon region).

Sala has published over 250 research papers and three books, is an Emmy-Award winner and has executive produced 30 documentary films, including the upcoming *Ocean with David Attenborough*, where he also serves as a scientific advisor.

He has received numerous awards, including 2008 World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader, 2013 Explorers Club Lowell Thomas Award, 2018 Heinz Award in Public Policy, National Geographic Hubbard Medal, and Albert I Grand Medal.

Sala is also an Officer of the Order of San Carlos of Colombia and a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

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