



## **QUOTES FROM *REVIVE OUR OCEAN* COLLECTIVE**

### **Áine Purcell-Milton - Executive Director COAST (UK, Scotland):**

*"At COAST, we're inspired to partner with Revive Our Ocean because we share a deep commitment to community-led marine management. Their focus on uniting voices for ocean health directly aligns with our mission to protect and restore the seas around Arran through grassroots action, science, and education. What excites us most is the opportunity to amplify local impact on a national & global scale—Revive Our Ocean brings a powerful platform to champion the stories, challenges, and solutions coming from coastal communities like ours."*

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### **Rocky Sanchez Tirona, Managing Director, Fish Forever (Indonesia & The Philippines):**

*"We've seen the impact when communities are truly the stewards of their ocean—we know how they can protect, manage AND benefit from their resources. Revive Our Ocean can help many more communities see their potential, and Rare is excited to bring Revive Our Ocean to many of the countries where high biodiversity and high human use intersect."*

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### **Octavio Aburto, Founder and Director of Atlas Aquatica (Mexico):**

*"At Atlas Aquatica, we believe science must serve both nature and people. Being part of Revive Our Ocean aligns with our work of bridging marine science with real-world action. Our mission is to use research, diving, and data to support coastal communities in conserving their marine resources. This collaboration aligns with our work by bridging marine science with real-world action—especially through Marine Prosperity Areas that link ecological health with economic opportunity."*

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**Zafer Kizilkaya, President & Founder, Mediterranean Conservation Society (Turkey):**

- *“Revive Our Ocean perfectly aligns with our mission, offering the kind of initiative we have been seeking to drive meaningful change in ocean restoration and protection.”*
  - *“We’ve shown how well-protected MPAs can quickly restore marine ecosystems. What excites us about Revive Our Ocean is its bold vision to scale that impact. This collaboration unites expertise, innovation, and a shared passion for the ocean—an inspiring movement to be part of.”*
  - *“Our mission is to expand effectively managed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) using an ecosystem-based approach. We have already seen success in demonstrating how well-protected MPAs can rapidly rewild and restore marine ecosystems. Our collaboration with Revive Our Ocean aligns perfectly with this goal, as it supports the expansion of well-enforced, ecologically connected MPAs, ensuring greater resilience and long-term ocean recovery.”*
  - *“What excites us most about the Revive Our Ocean initiative is its bold approach to scaling ocean restoration. By focusing on well-enforced and ecologically connected Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), it aligns perfectly with our mission to create thriving marine ecosystems.”*
  - *“Having worked closely with the Pristine Seas program, we have seen firsthand how effective protection leads to rapid rewilding. This initiative also directly supports the global 30x30 target—protecting at least 30% of the ocean by 2030—by helping to establish and expand MPAs that are both ecologically significant and well-managed. The collaboration brings together expertise, innovation, and a shared passion for ocean conservation, making it an inspiring movement to be part of.”*
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**Emanuel Gonçalves, Chief Scientist and Board Member, Oceano Azul Foundation (Portugal)**

*“Marine conservation in coastal systems requires strong science-based processes and the engagement of coastal communities. Oceano Azul Foundation has been promoting community-led processes built on co-management schemes to boost success of both conservation goals and social and economic benefits through Marine Protected Areas of Community Initiative. Revive Our Ocean’s bold ambition to scale these solutions of science-based and community-led conservation initiatives, resonate deeply with Oceano Azul’s mission and approach. This collaboration strengthens our shared commitment to achieving 30x30 and creating impactful, lasting solutions for thriving marine life and prosperous coastal communities.”*

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**Anni Mitropoulou, Executive Director, Cyclades Preservation Fund (Greece):**

- *“Revive Our Ocean is uniquely poised to amplify and reinforce our efforts. Acting as a connector and supporter that leverages its global presence, Revive Our Ocean channels information and know-how between initiatives and gives us an unprecedented voice towards the general public. The weight of international publicity activates necessary support to shift public perception and policy dialogues unlocking steps to accelerate marine protection and resilient sea stewardship in our waters.”*
- *“As ocean currents circulate replenishing nourishment between disparate ecotopes, Revive Our Ocean brings invigorating momentum and assets to our efforts in establishing marine protected areas. Our missions align as we bring together bottom-up and top-down approaches towards safeguarding our living marine wealth.”*
- *“We are excited by the potential to level up public perception and political literacy using the multifaceted approach of Revive Our Ocean to Inspire, Enable and Equip marine protection movements. This collaborative toolkit can help turbocharge our work on the ground, and build towards an era where marine vitality is understood and actively institutionalised as the underpinning of coastal livelihoods and wellbeing.”*

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