

Dr Francis Marsac – Short bio profile

Francis Marsac (PhD) is an oceanographer and fisheries scientist at the French Institute of Research for sustainable Development (IRD). He has a leading expertise in ecology and assessment of tuna fisheries and works closely with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, which he chaired the Scientific Committee for several years. His research also includes the impacts of climate variability and change on marine resources in the Indian Ocean. He played a coordinating role in two regional Large Marine Ecosystem projects funded by the UNDP and the World Bank in the South West Indian Ocean from 2008 to 2013. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Ocean Observing Systems of the IOC-Unesco and the Chair of the French National Committee of the 2nd International Indian Ocean Expedition. Working in the Indian Ocean since 1981, he was posted in different countries of the West Indian Ocean and in South Africa (University of Cape Town) where he led an international laboratory on marine and atmospheric sciences (ICEMASA, 2009-2018). He is currently the IRD Representative in the Seychelles. He has been a visiting academic at the BERI of the University of Seychelles since October 2020, where he supervised the research work of two students of the MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability. He has published over 60 research articles in international journals and has co-authored several books and book chapters on fisheries and climate in the Indian Ocean.

