

## IN MEMORIAM



### TIM DYKMAN (1946–2019)

Tim Dykman was an idol and an inspiration to the people that knew and loved him, and he catalyzed the conservation careers of many people around the globe, from Mexico to Panama, Mozambique, and beyond. He led by example, and his creativity, inclusivity, and above all hope galvanized conservation movements around the world that included ocean revolutionaries, indigenous leaders, field biologists, fishermen, and poets and artists. As the director of Ocean Revolution, he worked directly with the Bitonga people of Inhambane, Mozambique. In consort with Mozambique's Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Police, he played a pivotal role in creating a network of nine community-managed, nonhunting protected areas, the first of their kind in that country. Tim's absence will be felt by many people and ecosystems the world over, but his legacy lives on in the many people continuing to live by his example.

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### B. B. SOLARIN (1949–2019)

Dr. Bashir Bolu Solarin was a respected wildlife researcher and marine conservation advocate in Nigeria. B. B. worked 38 years (1978–2016) with the Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMAR) in Lagos, where he rose to the position of director and head of fisheries resources. He was devoted to developing and promoting bycatch reduction technologies to reduce impacts on megafauna, especially sea turtles, while increasing the efficiency of fishing. He published impactful research, and was a member of numerous societies, committees, and organizations through which he advocated for sustainable fishing practices and marine conservation. B. B. will be greatly missed by his family, his country, and the global marine conservation community.

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### SUE TAEI (1962–2020)

Sue Tai launched her prolific career in 1994 as biodiversity adviser to the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), where she and her teams made great advances for ocean conservation. Later, as senior director for the Pacific Islands Program for Conservation International (CI), Sue led the design and oversight of many community-based, multiuse marine protected areas (MPAs). Sue's voice reached key decision makers, governments, donors, and local communities, and she personally led conservation initiatives at the regional, national, and international levels, most notably the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA). Sue penned the dossier that led to the creation of PIPA, one of the world's largest (and deepest) MPAs and a World Heritage Site. Sue was CI's lead with the Pacific Island Leaders' Pacific Oceanscape initiative, which was adopted in 2010, was endorsed by 22 island nations, and spans 38 million square kilometers. Sue will be remembered for her passion for the ocean, and she leaves us with a legacy of achievements that will continue to guide Pacific Ocean conservation.

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