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Dr Fábio Hazin

I am deeply sorry to inform you of the sudden passing of Dr Fábio Hazin, who succumbed earlier this week to Covid-19. Fábio was a member of the Independent Review Panel whose study launched the IWC Governance Review. You may remember that Fábio was with us at IWC67 in Florianopolis to present the study.

Fábio was a globally renown fishery specialist based at the Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco, Brazil. Many of us worked with him in his role as Chair of the FAO Committee on Fisheries, Chair of the Informal Consultations on the UN Fish Stocks Agreement, Chair of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, and a leader in numerous other multilateral and global marine resource management agreements.

With Fábio's passing we have lost an extremely gifted scientist, policy specialist, and a leader in negotiation who was able to secure the trust and confidence of a broad array of stakeholders. He built the bridges necessary to reach agreement on some of the toughest marine resource management challenges in our world.

Our thoughts are with Fábio's family, his many friends, and colleagues.



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