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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Roundtable: Investing in a Blue Economy for Conservation and Impact

Strategic Financing and Investment Models to Achieve Sustainable Marine Fisheries

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Economic activity in the ocean, commonly referred to as the Blue Economy, has recently gained attention as a promising source of sustainable growth for coastal nations and the world. Marine fisheries are in many cases already playing a vital role in the Blue Economy, providing food and wealth to coastal and global populations. Yet marine fisheries have the potential to generate even greater value to society. New research supports this idea, suggesting that fisheries in East Asia can achieve multiple objectives simultaneously, including food provision, wealth creation, and ocean ecosystem health. Yet, like other sectors in the Blue Economy, strategic investment and actions are needed to achieve this potential. This presentation will look at how financing and investment models, coupled with fisheries management, can help achieve sustainable development objectives for marine fisheries, and discuss what these lessons might hold for other sectors.



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