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Highlighted by the importance of the Ocean for the future of Mankind, Prof. Mário Ruivo' career started at the University of Lisbon where he received a degree in Biology and specialized in Biological Oceanography and Management of Living Resources (University of Sorbonne/Arago Laboratory). He participated in the first Portuguese deep water dives on the Bathyscaphe FNRS III.

After an active period of research on ecology and management of fish stocks in the Mediterranean, the Portuguese Coast and the North Atlantic, Prof. Ruivo was appointed national expert/delegate to various international organizations such as ICES and ICNAF. He was Director of the Division of Aquatic Resources and the Environment of FAO (Rome), Executive Secretary of the IOC/UNESCO (Paris), Scientific Advisor of EXPO'98, Coordinator of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans (IWCO), Member of the Strategic Commission for the Oceans and invited Full Professor at the University of Oporto/ICBAS.

Presently, Prof. Mário Ruivo is Chairman of the: National Intersectoral Oceanographic Commission/Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (COI-MCTES); National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development (CNADS) and National Forum for Maritime Affairs (FPAM).

He is author of numerous scientific publications in Biological Oceanography, Ecology and Management of Fisheries Resources, as well as studies, essays and articles on Ocean Policy and Governance, Environment and Sustainable Development and Science, Society and Ethics. Prof. Ruivo has been involved in the promotion of Public Awareness of the Environment and Ocean Affairs within the framework of Sustainable Development.