

BIOGRAPHY OF PATRICIA RICARD



Patricia Ricard has been actively involved in environmental protection for over 30 years and became chair of the Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute in 2005. Like her grandfather and founder of the Institute before her, her focus is always on sustainable development and the public interest.

Today, Patricia Ricard places particular importance on global advocacy. While research and scientific knowledge are a prerequisite for sustainable ocean governance, real progress can only happen if decision makers are informed and convinced.

She has relayed the work of the Institute's researchers at major international conferences such as the United Nations' Ocean Conference and at climate CoPs, which she has also addressed as spokesperson for the Ocean & Climate platform. She is dedicated to ocean advocacy, reminding leaders that "oceans

must be at the heart of member states' decisions", and that nature-based solutions and ecosystem services are key to successful climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Honours awarded to Patricia Ricard:

- French Legion of Honour (2013)
- French Order of Maritime Merit (2010)
- French Order of Merit for the Environment (2007)

2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinator of the Blue Belt initiative's roadmap for African fisheries - Pro bono contributions to the transition strategies of various large corporations in a number of sectors (agri-food, shipping, metals and water treatment)
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice President and spokesperson of the Ocean & Climate platform - TEDx Marseille
2016-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Ocean Conference side event <p>Having spoken on fisheries in 2016, she returns to address the conference in 2017 as a member of the French delegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auditor at the Mediterranean Foundation of Strategic Studies
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteur to the CESE (the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council) on biomimicry and sustainable innovation. <p>The report "<i>Le biomimétisme, comment s'inspirer de la nature pour innover durablement</i>" is unanimously adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEDx Sorbonne
2013-2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Founding member of CEEBIOS, the European Centre of Excellence in Biomimicry at Senlis (2014) - Board member of the Véolia Foundation (2014) - Founding member of the Ocean & Climate platform (2014) - Becomes a lieutenant-commander in the volunteer reserves of the French Navy, attached to the Naval Academy in Paris (2013)
2011-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board member of the Société des Eaux de Marseille (2012) - Member of the French national parks board (<i>Établissement public des Parcs Nationaux de France</i>) (2011)
2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of the specialised commission on environmental terminology and neologisms established by the French Ministry of the Environment (2010) - Appointed to the CESE (the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council) as an environmental specialist (2010) - Member of the advisory board for the French Southern and Antarctic Lands – TAAF (2009) - Participates in the <i>Grenelle de la Mer</i> Group 3 and in the operational committee on research (2009)
2007-2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosts radio shows on <i>Radio de la Mer</i> and <i>Radio France International</i> (RFI) - Technical advisor on sustainable development for the meeting of the Var chambers of commerce (2008) - Board member of WWF France (2008) - Board member of the Institut Européen d'Ecologie (2007)

1998-2001	Presenter of a weekly 52-minute programme on nature and the environment on the channel <i>Planète Forum</i>
1995-2008	Creates, launches and presents the programme <i>Vert de Terre</i> on the channel MCM.
From 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair and moderator of many documentary film festivals about human sciences and the environment - At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in 1999, she presents a selection of industrial films on environmental issues well before others took up this theme
1991	Creates the " <i>Mardis de l'Environnement</i> " with Marie-Pierre Cabello, a monthly conference cycle which she would chair and moderate until 2016. It is a discussion forum for experts and environmental stakeholders.
1986	Patricia Ricard joins the board of the Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute, founded in 1966 by her grandfather Paul Ricard, an industry leader and environmentalist ahead of his time. The Institute's mission is understanding, explaining and protecting the sea. She has been its Chair since 2005.