



CRISTINA MITTERMEIER BIO Marine Biologist



Cristina Mittermeier is the marine biologist and activist who pioneered the concept and field of conservation photography. Mittermeier founded the International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP) in 2005 to provide a platform for photographers working on environmental issues.

In 2014, Mittermeier co-founded SeaLegacy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the ocean. SeaLegacy is a global network of storytellers who use their art and expertise in media and communications to fuel a community focused on restoring the ocean's health and abundance. In 2020, on the 50^{th} anniversary of Earth Day,

she announced the most ambitious project of her career: Only One, a new digital technology product that amplifies stories, campaigns and solutions that sit at the intersection of ocean health and social justice. Only One uses the power of media and technology to inspire individuals to take action to rebuild ocean life.

Mittermeier is a Sony Artisan of Imagery and was named one of National Geographic's Adventurers of the Year in 2018. She is also the recipient of many awards, including the Mission Award from the North American Nature Photography Association, the Smithsonian Conservation Photographer of the Year Award, and the Imaging Award for Photographers Who Give Back.

She received the 2020/2021 Humanity Photography Content Creator Award from HIPA. In recognition of her three decades of courageous journalism and making the pictures that tell the story of our planet, Mittermeier was presented with the 2021 Seattle Aquarium Sylvia Earle Medal and is the recipient of Travel + Leisure's Global Vision Award for 2021.