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Profile

Strong communicator and advisor on marine policy and research. Interface between science and policy with a focus on involvement of stakeholders. Over ten years experience in leading expert groups and initiating research projects.

Martin is currently the director of the Wageningen UR Centre for Marine Policy. Previously he has operated as senior advisor the the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management en Food Quality and he has been the Chair of the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management (2006-2007) en vice-chair of the ICES Advisory Committee (2008). He has chaired the ICES Working Group on Fishery Systems (2005) and the ICES Working Group on Demersal Stocks in the North Sea and Skagerrak (2002-2004). And he organized and participated in several EU funded research projects dealing with the interface between science and policy (PKFM), the development of tools for management strategy evaluations (EFIMAS, COMMIT) and the links between biological and economic sciences (EFFORT-F, TECTAC).

Martin holds an MSc in theoretical ecology (University of Amsterdam) and is soon to finish a PhD on the fisheries science in policy making.