



## Eric Sala

National Geographic Explorer in Residence, Ecologist, Filmmaker and Author

*"A widely recognised marine ecologist"*

Eric Sala is a former university professor who saw himself writing the obituary of ocean life, and quit academia to become a full-time conservationist as a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence.

### TOPICS:

- How to Reduce the Risk of the Next Pandemic
- Understanding the Economic Benefits of Conservation
- The Nature of Nature
- How to Save the Planet

### LANGUAGES:

He presents in English and Spanish.

### PUBLICATIONS:

- 2020** The Nature of Nature
- 2015** Pristine Seas: Journeys to the Ocean's Last Wild Places

### IN DETAIL:

Eric founded and leads Pristine Seas, a project that combines exploration, research, and media to inspire country leaders to protect the last wild places in the ocean. To date, Pristine Seas has helped to create 22 of the largest marine reserves on the planet, covering an area of 5.8 million square km. He has received numerous awards, including 2020 Jackson Wild Legacy Award, 2018 Heinz Award in Public Policy, 2016 Russian Geographical Society Award, 2013 Environmental Media Association Hero Award, 2013 Explorers Club Lowell Thomas Award and 2008 World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and serves on the boards of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, Global Fishing Watch, and the National Aquarium, and advises international organisations and governments.

### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Using fascinating examples from his research and those of other scientists, Sala shows the economic wisdom of making room for nature, even as the population becomes more urbanized. In a sober epilogue, he shows how saving nature can save us all, by reversing conditions that led to the coronavirus pandemic and preventing other global catastrophes.

### HOW HE PRESENTS:

A passionate and engaging speaker, Eric Sala demonstrates his ambition and passion to build a more sustainable future.