



About the Family

JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU

Since first being thrown overboard by his celebrated father at the age of seven with newly-invented SCUBA gear on his back, Jean-Michel Cousteau has led a life synchronous with the ocean. Explorer, environmentalist, educator, film producer – for more than four decades, Jean-Michel has used his vast experiences to communicate to people of all nations and generations his passion and concern for our water planet.

The son of ocean pioneer Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel spent much of his life with his family exploring the world's oceans aboard Calypso and Alcyone. Honoring his heritage, Jean-Michel founded Ocean Futures Society in 1999 to carry on this legendary work, including his role as Executive Producer of *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. Jean-Michel has produced over 75 films, received the Emmy, the Peabody Award, the 7 d'Or, and the Cable Ace Award, among others.

Ocean Futures Society, a non-profit marine conservation and education organization, functions as an ambassador for the ocean by communicating worldwide its critical bond with humanity and the importance of wise environmental policy. As Ocean Futures' president, Jean-Michel serves as a diplomat for the environment, reaching out to the public through a variety of media. Traveling the globe, Jean-Michel meets with leaders and policymakers at the grassroots level and at the highest echelons of government and the private sector. He is dedicated to educating younger generations, documenting stories of change and hope, and lending his reputation and support to energize alliances for positive development.

In 2006, Jean-Michel's initiative to protect the Northwest Hawaiian Islands took him to The White House where he screened his PBS-KQED documentary, "Voyage to Kure," for President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush and other dignitaries. The President was inspired and in June 2006, he declared the 1,200-mile chain of islands a National Monument – the largest protected area in the world.

Jean-Michel has been recognized for his work with the following awards: first recipient of the Ocean Hero Award from Oceana in 2003; first person to represent the Environment in the Opening Ceremonies of the 2000 Olympic Games; Environmental Hero Award, presented by Vice President Al Gore, 1998; the Poseidon/Lifetime Achievement Award from Reef Check; appointed Global Marine spokesperson for British Virgin Islands, 2003; elected to the Global Green Board of Directors; Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival Lifetime Achievement award, 2007.



FABIEN COUSTEAU, EXPEDITION MEMBER

This third-generation ocean explorer shares his father's and grandfather's love of ocean adventure and protection. Only four years old when he first dove, he has been diving and working to educate others about the global ocean ever since. Fabien's latest ocean passion is the understanding and protection of sharks. In June 2006, CBS aired his special, *Mind of a Demon*. With the help of a team of experts, Fabien created a 14-foot, 1,200 pound, shark submarine to enable him to move among sharks without changing their behavior, Fabien plays a key role in Ocean Adventures, interviewing experts, assisting production and diving with the crew. A graduate of Boston University in environmental economics, Fabien lives in New York City.

CELINE COUSTEAU, EXPEDITION MEMBER

The daughter of Jean-Michel Cousteau and granddaughter of legendary oceanaut Jacques Cousteau, Celine is an adventurer in her own right. The youngest Cousteau performs a critical function at Ocean Futures Society as associate producer, expedition diver and logistics coordinator. A graduate of Skidmore College and with a Master's degree in International and Intercultural Management from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, Celine was a regional coordinator for Africa and the Middle East for The Earth Council and has worked on sustainable development in many parts of the world. Celine was also a travel guide for Butterfield and Robinson, an exclusive adventure travel company based in Toronto. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.