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Seychellois to advise US marine foundation

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The Ocean Foundation is a philanthropic organisation focused on finding funding for ocean conservation. Based in the United States, its mission is to support, strengthen and promote organisations dedicated to reversing the trend of destruction of ocean environments around the world.

"This is an exciting development for Seychelles because it widens our scope for international support", said Dr Shah.

"The Ocean Foundations focal purpose is to match donors with projects", he added. The Ocean Foundation searches the globe for worthwhile projects and conducts due diligence procedures on them. It then invests in the most promising non-profit marine projects to support conservation work in a fashion that is strategic and coordinated.

Dr Shah joins the world's leading marine scientists as well as philanthropists on the Board of Advisors. The board includes Sylvia Earle, the celebrated ocean explorer; Daniel Pauly, the top fisheries expert; Jane Lubchenco, leading marine academic; John Ogden, the author of well known university textbooks on marine oceanography and biology; Vikki Spruill, the President of The Ocean Conservancy and David Rockefeller, Jr., Director and Former Chair of Rockefeller & Co., Inc.

Dr Shah already sits on the board or steering committees of various international environment organisations and programmes and he said that in these capacities he has been able to mobilise support and attention for Seychelles over the years.

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