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Jane Lubchenco is a marine ecologist with expertise in the ocean, climate change, and interactions between the environment and human well-being. She served as the U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and an inaugural member of President Barack Obama's Science Team from 2009-2013. From 2014-2016, she was the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean, serving as a science diplomat to China, Indonesia, South Africa, Mauritius and the Seychelles. Dr. Lubchenco is one of the "most highly cited" ecologists in the world with eight publications as "Science Citation Classics." She believes in using science and engaging society to craft solutions to society's biggest challenges.

She is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Royal Society, The World Academy of Science, The Chilean Academy of Sciences, The Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and others. Her numerous awards include 23 honorary doctorates and the highest honors given by the National Academy of Sciences (the Public Welfare Medal) and the National Science Foundation (the Vannevar Bush Award). She co-founded three organizations that train scientists to be better communicators and engage more effectively with the public, policy makers, media and industry. She co-founded an integrated research/monitoring/outreach program (PISCO, the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans), the National Ocean Protection Coalition, and the MPA Project which seeks to advance smart use of Marine Protected Areas.

Dr. Lubchenco received a B.A. from Colorado College, a M.S. from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in ecology from Harvard University.