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**Hello! I am
Andre Surendre**
Youth Ambassador

I'm attending UNOC to advocate for sustainable ocean governance in small developing states like my home country, Guyana.

As a young biologist and passionate conservationist, I want to contribute to global conversations on protecting marine biodiversity and advancing SDG 14. This is an opportunity to represent youth voices from the Caribbean and learn from others working to protect our ocean.





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**Hello! I am
Audrey Chevalier**
WWF France, French Guiana

I lead the Ocean program for
WWF in French Guiana, my goal
For UNOC, it is to increase the visibility of the
challenges in our region, as the conservation matters
in our part of the world should really be of international
interest, given our amazing and unique marine
biodiversity.





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**Hello! I am
Diana Fernandes**
WWF-Guianas

I am a Technical Officer at WWF-Guianas, based in the Guyana Office, where I work on implementing the oceans programme.

I am most enthusiastic about stakeholder engagement and conservation initiatives that require an understanding of how people interact with and depend on the ocean and its associated coastal ecosystems. At UNOC3, I will highlight WWF efforts and challenges in marine conservation and sustainable fisheries





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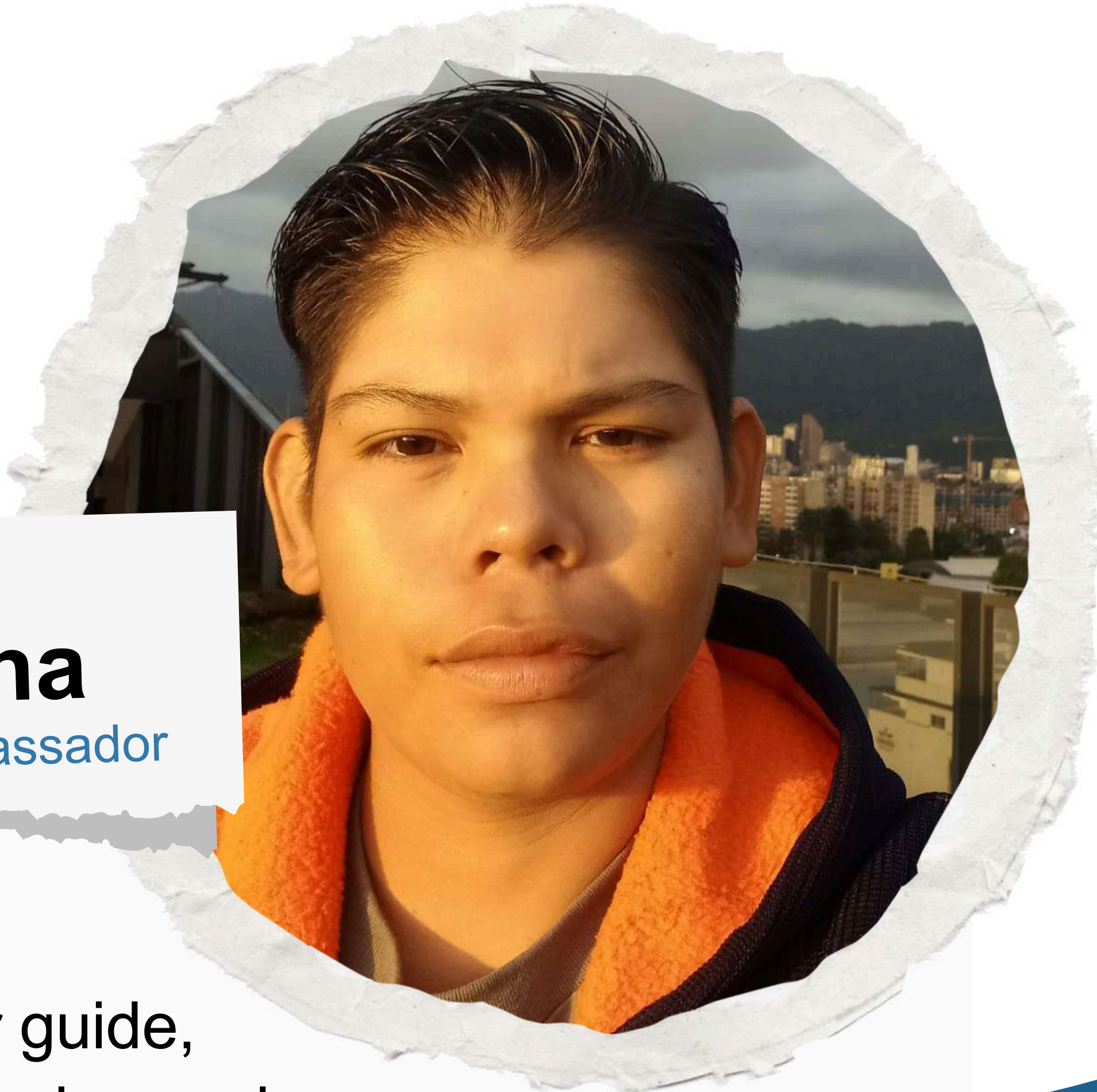
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**Hello! I am
Donovan Parana**
Youth Ambassador



I'm a former turtle tour guide, Ocean Youth Ambassador, and proud Ka'lina representative from Galibi, Suriname. As a victim of IUU fishing, I advocate for sustainable oceans. My mission is to regulate overfishing, support local fishers, and build strong partnerships within the Ka'lina community to protect our coastal heritage.





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**Hello! I am
Himdat Deochand**
Fisherfolk



I serve as a board member of the Fishermen's Collective in Suriname.

As a respected owner of an artisanal fishing vessel, I am committed to representing the voices of small-scale local fishers.

At the UN Ocean Conference, my goal is to raise awareness about the traditional and sustainable practices of our artisanal fishing communities and advocate for solutions to combat Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. I look forward to promoting inclusive, fisher-centered ocean policies.





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**Hello! I am
Madhavi Indarjeet**
Youth Ambassador

I'm an environmental professional and active volunteer with the Guyana Youth Environment Network, supporting climate justice and youth-led advocacy.

I hold a Master's from IHE Delft and a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies from the University of Guyana. My work spans environmental planning, assessments, stakeholder engagement, and compliance, driven by a strong commitment to sustainable development and community empowerment.



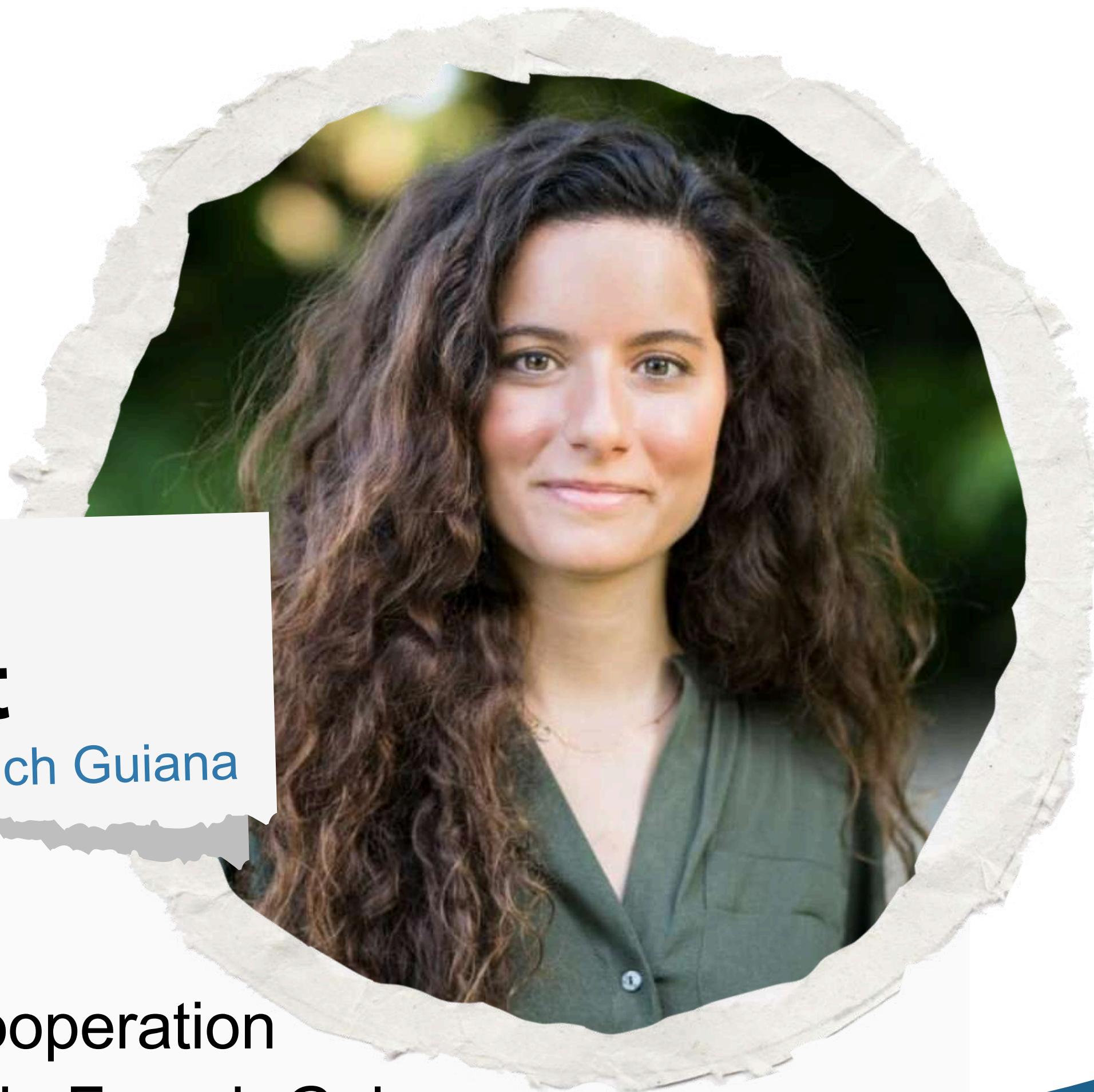


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**Hello! I am
Marie Trémolet**
WWF France, French Guiana

I lead the Regional Cooperation
Programme for WWF in French Guiana.

My goal for UNOC is to ensure that the voices of civil
society and representatives from the Guianas are
heard, and to raise awareness about the regional
challenges and opportunities for the protection and
sustainable management of the ocean.





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Hello! I am
Matai Zamuël
Youth Ambassador

I'm a research-driven and policy-minded youth advocate from Suriname, working to connect coastal communities throughout the hemisphere and between regions through our shared challenges and opportunities.

In my deep commitment to ocean governance, human rights and advocacy, I strive to amplify the perspectives of marginalized communities and inspire action. I acknowledge the responsibility of young persons in protecting our ocean and its ecosystems; I encourage collaborative efforts that reflect the meaningful engagement of those often left behind.



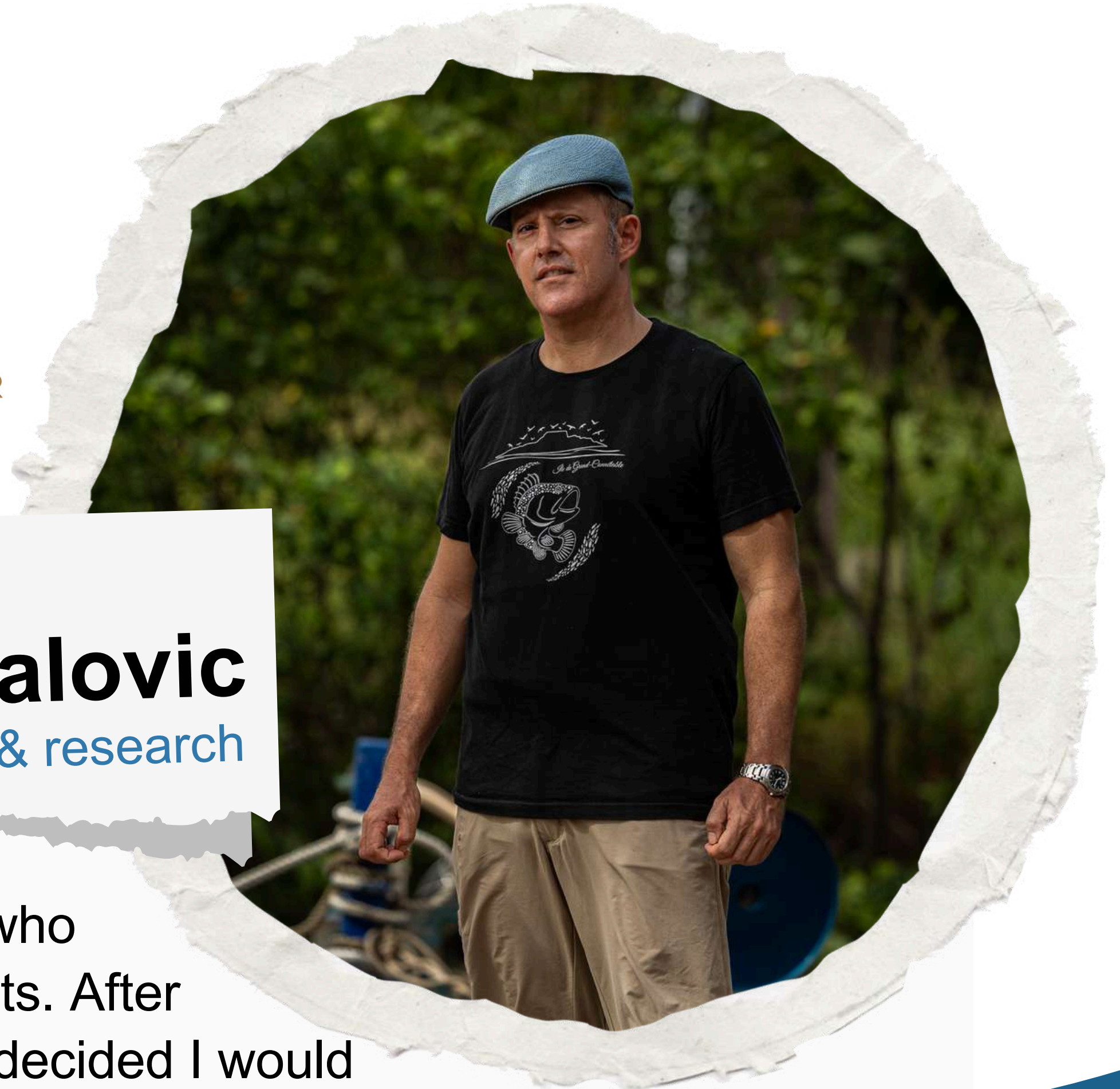


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**Hello! I am
Michel (Tony) Nalovic**
Fisheries management & research

I was a shrimp fisherman who worked on my family's boats. After studying marine biology, I decided I would work within the fishing industry to implement sustainable change in fishing practices in my country, French Guiana, notably through voluntary implementation of Turtle Excluder Devices. I have since helped Gabon adopt TEDs and work in a variety of places on complex bycatch issues. Currently, I run fishingcleaner.com, a consulting firm that focuses on bycatch reduction, and I'm the President of the NGO Trans Oceans Tortues Marines (TOTM.org)





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**Hello! I am
Pamashwar Jainarine**
Fisherfolk

I have been in the Guyanese fishing industry for over 40 years, first as a fisherman and now as a boat owner, fish vendor and fisherfolk leader. I am the current Chairman of the Upper Corentyne Fishermen's Co-op Society Ltd, an organisation that has over 700 fisherfolk.

I am deeply concerned about the harmful effects of IUU fishing and unsustainable fishing practices. I am delighted to be part of the Guianas Team that will be attending the UNOC3, and I will be sharing my experiences and views on these issues.





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**Hello! I am
Raphaëlle Rinaldo**
SEPANGUY

I am Dr. Raphaëlle Rinaldo,
director of the NGO SEPANGUY.
We are leading the Youth Ambassador program
of the Great Ocean Project.

As the oldest nature conservancy NGO in French Guiana, we are
committed to empowering the youth to embrace their heritage and
get involved in civil society. I will be in UNOC to advocate for
cooperation through the Guiana Shield and to support the voice of
the young leaders.





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Hello!

I am Rommel Todd

Fisherfolk

I am a seaman who has spent the greater part of his life crisscrossing the length and breadth of the French Guyana coastline. From my life at sea, I retain many good memories, but also one bad one. I was given a front row seat to witness the pillaging of our fishing resource by foreign boats. Year in and year out, their numbers increased exponentially. Today, the onslaught is such that the sustainability of our resources is under threat. The time has come to react decisively.





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Hello! I am
Soraya Wijntuin
WWF-Guianas



As the lead of the Oceans Program for WWF in Suriname and Guyana, my goal at the UNOC is to raise international awareness about the alarming decline of leatherback turtles in our region, as we are the main nesting beaches in the Wider Caribbean. To highlight our regional ocean governance in addressing key threats, such as IUU fishing and bycatch. Through regional and national cooperation, innovative monitoring, and community-driven solutions to protect the leatherbacks and the rich biodiversity of our shared marine environment.





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**Hello! I am
Yazhee Mindjouk**
Youth ambassador

My name is Yahzee-Youri
MINDJOUK and I have the honor
of being an ocean ambassador.

Today, I'd like to alert you to a scourge affecting my region:
illegal fishing in French Guiana. It is endangering our marine
resources and biodiversity. Let's work together to preserve
our oceans - our future depends on it.





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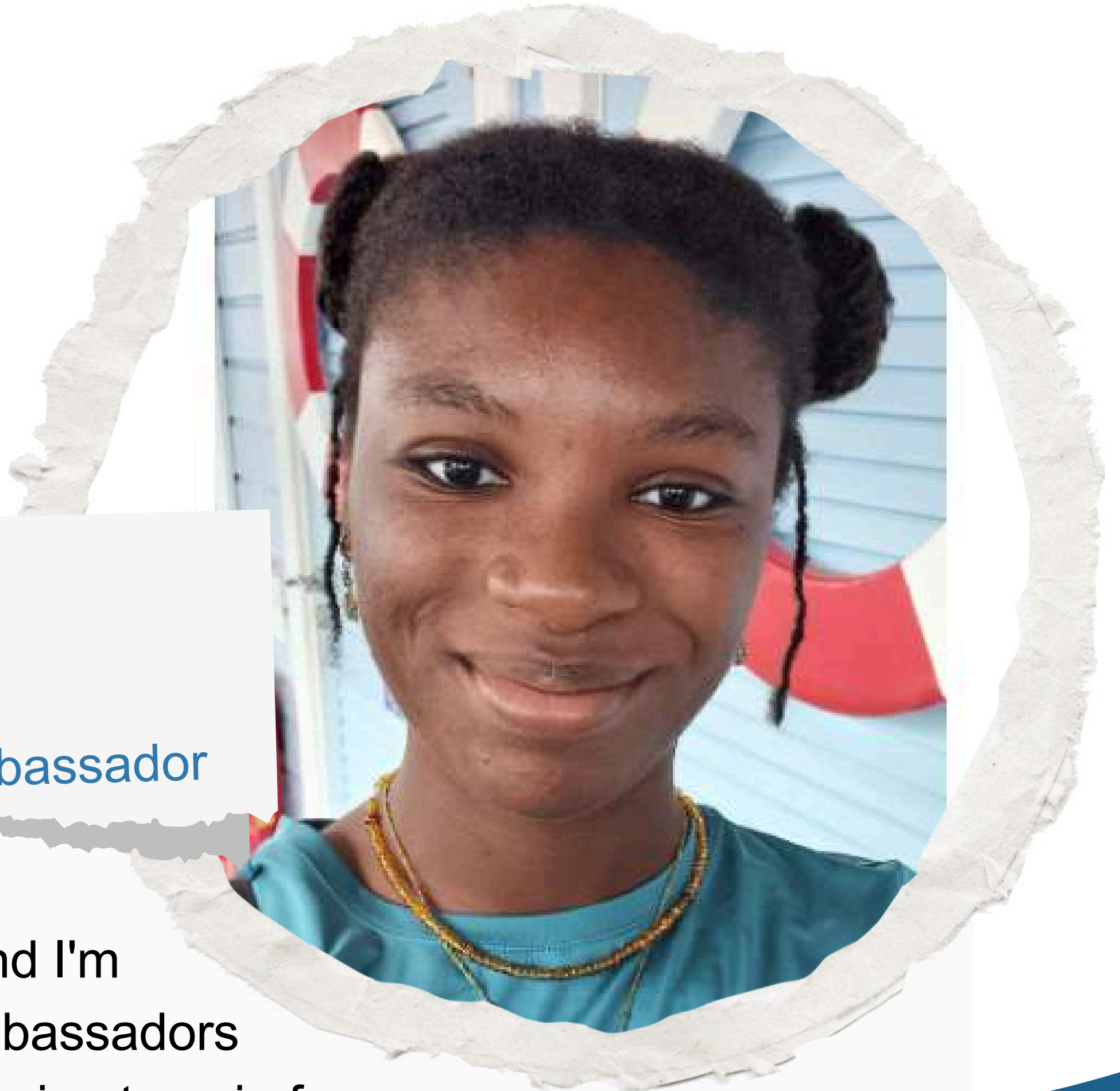
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**Hello! I am
Yeelen Deie**

Youth ambassador

My name is Yeelen Deie and I'm one of French Guiana's ambassadors for the oceans. What I'm hoping to gain from my participation in UNOC is the opportunity to represent our youth and meet other people working on issues related to the preservation of our marine ecosystems, so that I can discover and share our common knowledge on the subject. It will also enable me to discover the different actions being carried out around the world to save our oceans.





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**Hello! I am
Zojindra Arjune**

Fisheries Department

As Deputy Director of Fisheries in Suriname, I am committed to promoting sustainable fisheries in this important economic sector including combatting illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. At the UN Ocean Conference, I will highlight our efforts, including enhanced monitoring and enforcement measures, and our participation in the BIODEV2030 project, which integrates biodiversity into policy to ensure the long-term health of marine ecosystems.

