

## CHERIF SAMMARI SHORT BIO



Sammari Cherif holds a PhD obtained in 1990 at the University of Aix-Marseille-II (France). He is a professor at the National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies (INSTM Salammbô) and very active in the field of marine scientific research. His research focuses on hydrodynamic studies in the Mediterranean. Sammari Cherif was the head of the marine laboratory at INSTM from 2002 to 2016 and is a member of several national and international committees. He is the representative of Tunisia to IOC/UNESCO since 2004 and was vice-president of IOC/UNESCO

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Prof. Sammari is the author of several scientific articles. He is involved in capacity building projects in marine sciences in Africa and recently conducted a consultancy for the preparation of a report on the regional gap analysis for Red and Mediterranean Seas sub-region. He is also an expert in the blue economy theme since 2018 when he was appointed GSO-BlueMed and representative of the national hub of the Pilot BLUEMED Plastic-free healthy Mediterranean Sea. Prof. Cherif has coordinated and implemented several national and international projects, such as H2020 CLAIM: Cleaning Litter & Applying Innovative Methods in European Seas, dealing with marine litter monitoring and assessing the contribution of shipping waste to marine litter. These activities are fully supporting the MSFD Descriptor 10 (Marine litter) to maintain Good Environmental Status.