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Dr. Ortner is a Research Professor in the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries and Director Emeritus of the Cooperative Institute of Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS) located at the University of Miami (UM) but incorporating all ten of the major Florida and U.S. Caribbean research universities. He holds degrees in Philosophy (Yale College), Oceanography (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution) and Law (UM). Prior to moving fully to RSMAS, he served as the Chief Scientist and Acting Director of NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory co-located in Miami on Virginia Key. He has been a faculty member at RSMAS since 1978 and at the UM Law School since 1994.

Dr. Ortner is one of the world's experts in studying the ocean and its living resources through pioneering acoustic and optical techniques applied in the context of fisheries oceanography and interdisciplinary oceanographic programs such as BioSYNOP, GLOBEC, FOCI, SABRE and NECOP. He and his research team have participated in numerous research cruises throughout the world including the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Arabian and Caribbean Seas, the Gulf of Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. He has published over 100 scientific publications and serves on numerous scientific advisory panels, as the national Chair of the University-National-Laboratory-Systems (UNOLS)

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As a Research Professor in the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries, Dr. Ortner has mentored numerous graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. He is one of the founding members of SCOR-IAPSO Working Group "OceanScope" whose goal is to instrument the international merchant marine fleet to systematically probe the ocean's interior and as such was the co-editor of the Working Group's final report ([http://www.scor-int.org/Publications/OceanScope\\_Final\\_report.pdf](http://www.scor-int.org/Publications/OceanScope_Final_report.pdf)).