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## China at the helm: global conduct in fishing, seafood production and consumption

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China has the largest distant water fishing fleet on the globe, produces the majority of the world's aquaculture, processes more of Europe's fish fillets than any other country, and is the dominant market for a growing number of seafood species.

It is thus no exaggeration to say that the fate of many, if not most, marine ecosystems will turn on China's behaviour. This seminar will trace the rise of China in fishing, seafood production and consumption, and measure its dimensions against leading competitors. The economic, social and policy drivers behind these trends will be explored, as will the prospects for domestic and international pressures to shape China's conduct toward responsible development and sustainable use.

### **About Shelley Clarke**

Shelley Clarke holds doctorate and master's degrees in quantitative fisheries science from Imperial College London and the University of Washington. Based in China and Japan for nearly twenty years, her research aims to promote a greater understanding of East Asia's marine resource usage and influence. She specialises in shark fisheries management, particularly the shark fin trade, illegal fishing and seafood traceability in her work for the UN FAO, the World Bank, the UK government and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.