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Dr Lawrence Hildebrand has over three decades of experience and leadership in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management, both domestically and internationally. He worked for the Canadian federal government for 34 years (until 2012) as an environmental manager in the departments of Natural Resources, Fisheries & Oceans and Environment, delivering bi-national, regional and community-based coastal management programs and contributing to national policy and legislation. Dr Hildebrand is also an Adjunct Professor of Marine Affairs and of Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management and Visiting Professor and instructor in masters programs in coastal and marine management in Uruguay, Iceland, Sweden, Mexico and the United States. He has also assisted with the ICOM module for the International Ocean Institute summer training program in Halifax for many years. Dr Hildebrand has served on the Executives of four coastal and ocean NGOs (Coastal Zone Canada Association, Canadian Coastal Science and Engineering Association, The U.S. Coastal Society, Elisabeth Mann Borgese Centre for Ocean Governance).

Dr Hildebrand has designed and conducted training and capacity-building courses in coastal and marine management in South and Southeast Asia, North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. He has completed post-program evaluations for the United Nations (UNDP/GEF, UNEP) on ICZM initiatives in Cuba and Belize. Dr Hildebrand has also served as a senior advisor to the federal-provincial/territorial Oceans Task Group of the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers and the New Zealand Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on a major review of their marine management regime. He has represented Canada on international coastal and ocean policy working groups to the IUCN, OECD and Convention on Biological Diversity. Lawrence Hildebrand has degrees in biology (B.Sc.), marine biology (B.Sc. Honours) and coastal zone management (MES) from Dalhousie University and a Ph.D. in coastal governance and power sharing from Cardiff University in Wales.

Dr Hildebrand is well published in many books and peer-reviewed journals, and serves on the Editorial Boards for two such journals. He is a frequently invited keynote speaker at domestic and international coastal conservation and engineering conferences. He has also recently completed the drafting of coastal zone policy frameworks on coastal erosion and coastal and marine spatial planning for UNEP/Regional Seas Programme/Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia. Dr Hildebrand was team leader of a coastal needs assessment in Thailand immediately following the 2004 Asian tsunami and conducted a coastal tour of Japan following their March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. In both of these cases, he was advising national governments on adaptation strategies and governance reform.

Dr Hildebrand is the recipient of the H.B. Nicholls Award for Significant Achievement in the Field of Coastal Zone Management in Canada, the Public Service Award of Excellence for Exemplary Contribution under Extraordinary Circumstances, and a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S.-Canada Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment.