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A Marine Scientist and Environmental Economist, Dr. Peter Edwards is passionate about his work studying ocean and coastal environments and the impact that society has on natural resources. He is currently an Economist and Social Science Coordinator with the Coral Reef Conservation Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In this role, Peter leads a team of social scientists responsible for collecting data relevant to the study of the socio-economic dimension of coral resource management.

Beyond the NOAA, Peter is an independent member of Jamaica's National Council on Ocean and Coastal Management, as well as a Member of the United Nations Expert Pool in the area of Global Reporting and Marine Environment Assessment. He has extensive experience as a lecturer and consultant, and has written numerous publications in the area of environmental and natural resource management and environmental economics and policy analysis.

Peter graduated from the University of the West Indies (Jamaica) with a Bachelors in Zoology and a Masters in Marine Sciences. He completed his PhD at the University of Delaware, in Marine Studies with a concentration in Marine Policy. In his spare time, he enjoys a number of recreational sports, Caribbean fusion cooking and live music concerts. He is also engaged in long distance agricultural pursuits at his family farm in St. Thomas, Jamaica.