



BIOGRAPHY

DONALD F. BOESCH, PHD.

Dr. Donald F. Boesch is Professor Emeritus and President Emeritus at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Born and raised on the Gulf Coast, he spent his entire career as a scientist and administrator at marine laboratories in Virginia, Louisiana and Maryland. His research has ranged broadly to include benthic ecology, pollution effects, coastal wetlands, continental shelf oceanography, marine eutrophication and climate change extending along the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts, Eastern Australia, and the East China Sea. He has particularly engaged in applying science to environmental management and policy, serving on numerous federal advisory committees. Dr. Boesch has also served on committees and boards of the National Academies of Science and Engineering, including as chair of the Ocean Studies Board. He was appointed by President Obama to serve on the National Commission on the BP Oil Spill and the Future of Offshore Drilling. He is a past-president of the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation. He received a B.S. degree from Tulane University and Ph.D. degree from the College of William Mary in Virginia. Dr. Boesch was recently awarded the 2020 Sustained Achievement Award by the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation in recognition of his long-term contribution and commitment to the conservation and protection of natural resources.