

Sidney Holt, D.Sc., a British zoologist, is best known in the fisheries world as the co-founder, with Raymond D. H. Beverton, of modern fisheries science, especially through their co-authorship of their 1957 book, 'On the Dynamics of Exploited Fish Populations, since reprinted three times with up-dating Forewords. He is author or co-author of 200 other publications.

After 1960, while working with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (eventually as Director of its Fisheries Resources and Operations Division), Dr Holt moved mainly to the problem – both scientific and political – of the management of commercial whaling and the conservation of the Great Whales, especially the baleen whales of the southern hemisphere. He worked as representative of FAO, UNEP and the UN to the International Whaling Commission and later of some Member States of the IWC – Republic of Seychelles and Italy and occasionally, of International Non-Governmental Organisations. During an interval of three years in Paris (1969-71) Sidney's main responsibility was the promotion of oceanography, as Secretary of the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and co-ordinator of marine affairs among the several UN Agencies having ocean responsibilities.

In the past four years Sidney has moved back to research and to political/administrative international management of marine fisheries, particularly in Europe concerning especially the ongoing revision of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy, particularly through the European Parliament.

In his long career Sidney has served as professor or fellow at several universities. He has received several awards for his work concerning fishes, whales and the marine environment generally, particularly the Gold Medal of the WWF, the Global 500 Award of UNEP. And the Royal Golden Ark of the Netherlands.

