

Paolo BRONZI (WSCS vice-president)

Biologist, since 1972 he began to deal with aquaculture with research on controlled reproduction of sea bream and sea bass. Hired by ENEL in 1977, he became a manager and was responsible for research and demonstration of the feasibility of using heated water discharged from energy production plants in "thermal aquaculture" at experimental and demonstration plants for freshwater (La Casella), marine water (Torrevaldaliga) and closed cycle (Castelnuovo Val di Cecina), where he worked with the main species of fresh and sea water. Main fields of interest are the physiology of fish, farming technologies and conservation of endangered fish species. Since 1988 he is studying in particular sturgeons.

Retired from work in 2005, he is fully involved in sturgeon conservation through the WSCS (World Sturgeon Conservation Society e.V.), (www.wscs.info) of which he is a foundation member (2003) and from 2011 vice-president. With WSCS, among other activities, co-organizes the International Sturgeon Symposiums (ISS) every four years in different countries of the world, in 2017 at the eighth edition. For over 20 years it has also been interested in the history and production of caviar and the statistics of this sector on a global level.

Member of Sturgeon Specialist Group of IUCN, from 2007 to 2014 he was scientific manager of the national aquaculture censuses conducted by Unimar for the MIPAAF (Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies) . Over a hundred scientific publications, some chapters of books and editor of volumes on aquaculture and sturgeons.