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David Billett is a deep-sea biologist with over 40 years' experience of the deep-sea environment, including mid-ocean ridges, abyssal sediments, seamounts, coral mounds, submarine canyons and continental slopes. He has a particular interest in 1) the potential effects of climate change on deep-sea ecosystems, 2) distinguishing between natural and man-made impacts, 3) the environmental management of offshore deep-water fisheries, oil and gas production and mining, and 4) the spatial and temporal management of man's activities in the deep ocean. David was a member of the ISA Legal and Technical Commission (LTC) between 2007 and 2017 specialising in environmental matters. David is now a Visiting Research Fellow at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK and is coordinating putting industry at the heart of the marine ecosystem restoration agenda as part of a large multinational research project 'Marine Ecosystem Restoration in Changing European Seas' (MERCES) funded by the European Commission (<http://www.merces-project.eu/>).