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## Marine Conservation Institute gets new leader

### *Lance Morgan becomes President and CEO*

The Board of Directors of Marine Conservation Institute has elected Dr. Lance E. Morgan as the new President and Chief Executive Officer. The founder of this nonprofit organization, Dr. Elliott A. Norse, who served as President since 1996, now becomes Chief Scientist and permanent member of the Board.

Dr. Morgan, who lives and works in Sonoma County, California, is a marine ecologist who has worked for 25 years to study and win conservation for marine invertebrates, fishes, seabirds, marine mammals and the places where they live. He came to the Marine Conservation Institute in May 2000 as Postdoctoral Fellow. He then became Staff Scientist, Vice President for Science, and, now, President and Chief Executive Officer.

“Lance Morgan is a really impressive scientist...” said Professor Daniel Pauly, the world’s leading authority on global fisheries at the University of British Columbia Fisheries Science Centre, “... but Lance is more than that: He is one of those very rare people who understands how marine science shapes marine policy, in North America and around the world,” Dr. Pauly said.

National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and MCI Board member Dr. Sylvia A. Earle said “All who care about the oceans should be celebrating today. The dolphins that frolic in the waves, the corals dwelling in the black depths and the Blue Earth we all live on should be celebrating because yet another outstanding scientist is leading the Marine Conservation Institute. Dr. Earle, perhaps the world’s best-known and most-loved marine conservationist, said “He’s lived in an undersea habitat, he’s dived in one-man research submarines and he’s worked with the world’s most effective people in marine conservation. Lance is the real deal.” she said.

Dr. Morgan becomes the leader of Marine Conservation Institute just when more and more worrisome stories are in the news: Radioactive bluefin tunas, disappearing abalone and declining world fisheries.

“Saving the oceans was a lonely task when I founded the Marine Conservation Institute in 1996,” said Dr. Elliott Norse, the President of Marine Conservation Institute until today. “Now thousands of professionals around the world are devoted to saving marine life and the ecosystems they live in” said Dr. Norse. “We need new thinking, more resources and people bold and smart enough to save the oceans we love” he added. “Lance is the right person just when the world really needs his leadership.”

The Marine Conservation Institute is dedicated to creating safe havens to protect marine life and to benefit the 7 billion people whose survival and well-being requires healthy oceans.

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#### **About the Marine Conservation Institute**

The Marine Conservation Institute is a nonprofit organization that works with scientists, government officials, businesses and conservation organizations around the world to secure protection for healthy, living ocean areas.

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