



“People protect what they love.”

*Jacques Cousteau*

Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1910-1997) was an oceanographic technician, filmmaker, explorer, conservationist, innovator, scientist, author, and French naval officer. As a child, he learned to swim at the age of four. At the age of 13, Cousteau saved his pocket money to buy a movie camera—the first thing he did was to take it apart to see how it worked. He is most remembered as the captain of the *Calypso*—a diving vessel and underwater laboratory in the documentary television series *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*. Cousteau is remembered as a lover of nature who studied the sea and all forms of life in water. He shared this love through his films of his oceanic adventures exploring caves, archaeological sites, and the many species of marine life. He also founded the Cousteau Society for the Protection of Oceans and has written over fifty books.