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**Title:** A Balancing Act: Marine Conservation in a Shifting Landscape

**Guests:**

* Laure Katz: Director of the Seascapes Program at Conservation International
* Peter Pellitier: PhD candidate, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan

**Hosts:**

* Katie Browne
* Andrea Kraus

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Laure Katz, Director of Conservation International’s Seascapes Program, and Peter Pellitier, former Fulbright Scholar in Papua New Guinea, join hosts Andrea Kraus and Katie Browne to discuss the multifaceted challenges of marine conservation in the Coral Triangle. As an epicenter of marine biodiversity, the Bird’s Head Seascape is considered a conservation priority, both by major international NGOs and the local populations which rely upon its fisheries for livelihoods and way of life. Responsible for managing the Seascape’s transition from donor-supported to fully financially self-sustaining, Katz outlines the strategies, struggles, and loss of sleep that have defined the transition’s four short years. Pellitier then speaks to the importance of marine biodiversity as a foundation to livelihoods and buffer to climate change, and outlines the difficulty of sustaining the sort of homegrown conservation initiative Katz hopes the Bird’s Head Seascape will grow to be.

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