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BIODIVERSITY IN OUR OCEAN - A NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM VISION

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OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 7-9pm
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Natural history museums: stuffed animals, dinosaurs, and dust, right? That's not the whole story (though, truth be told, we've got all those, too). Natural history museums are, it turns out, drivers of exciting new developments in biodiversity science. Researchers at the Natural History Museum are using the local coastline as a testbed for important new technologies — building new ways to view our ocean while learning more about our marine neighborhood.

Dean Pentcheff is a biodiversity research scientist at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM). He spent most of his U.C. Berkeley graduate school years in Puget Sound. Regina Wetzer is Associate Curator and Director of the Marine Biodiversity Center at NHM. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina on molecular and morphological systematics of crustaceans. She works with an extraordinary team of Invertebrate Collections Managers who oversee and curate the great diversity of animals (35 phyla) in NHM's marine invertebrate collections. In 2016 they launched the Diversity Initiative for the Southern California Ocean (DISCO). This research initiative is greatly enhancing biodiversity documentation in the marine environment by applying modern genetic technology. [<https://research.nhm.org/>]

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