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NOTIFICATION

Subject: IAI research is featured in Washington Post 2020 Pulitzer Prize Award Series “2°C: Beyond the Limit”

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the work of the research team of the IAI project [Small-scale Fisheries and Marine Ecosystem Services: Adaptation and Transformation to Secure Human Wellbeing \(SGP-HW017\)](#), is one of the featured stories in the [2°C: Beyond the Limit Series](#) published by the Washington Post and winner of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting.

The story, [Dangerous new ocean hot zones are spreading and affecting local fisheries](#), published by *the Washington Post* on 11 September 2019, has increased awareness of the vulnerability of coastal communities as a result of warming ocean temperatures. Coastal communities that depend on small-scale fisheries for their livelihoods are highly vulnerable to warming ocean temperatures due to the devastating decline of local fisheries. IAI researchers are investigating the impacts of ocean warming in the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Uruguay and Argentina, as highlighted in the story.

The Washington Post 12-part series focused on a dozen global hotspots around the world to communicate that climate warming is not a distant threat. They estimated that 10% of the earth has already warmed by more than 2° Celsius.

The IAI Directorate applauds the quality and importance of the research achieved by its investigators.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director