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Saving our Blue Serengeti:

Using Electronic Tagging Technology to Reveal
the Hidden Life of Ocean Predators

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Dr. Barbara A. Block holds the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Professorship at Stanford University. Her research is focused on how large pelagic fish utilize the open ocean. She and her team have pioneered the successful development and deployment of electronic tags on tunas, billfish and sharks. She earned her B.A. at the University of Vermont, and began her oceanographic career at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in 1979 and then undertook a post doctoral fellowship at University of Pennsylvania. She earned her Ph.D. in 1986 at Duke University. She was an assistant professor at the University of Chicago (1989-1993) and joined the Stanford faculty in 1994. Block has published more than 200 peer reviewed papers, and has received the NSF Young Investigator Award, a MacArthur Fellowship, a Pew Fellowship for Marine Conservation, and a Rolex Award for Enterprise. In 2006 Block founded the TAG A Giant Fund at The Ocean Foundation to elevate the science and conservation initiatives for bluefin tuna globally. She is committed to science communication and has helped with aquarium and science museum exhibits on ocean science. Block is currently working with Discovery Communications, filming her fourth documentary called *Blue Serengeti* which will highlight results from her extensive pelagic predator electronic tagging program as well as the secret lives of white sharks off the central coast of California.

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