



## CIRM has a new Coordinator

**O**n 6 February, Admiral Eduardo Bacellar Leal Ferreira took over the Brazilian Navy Commander. As a maritime authority, he also took office as coordinator of the Interministerial Commission for Sea Resources - CIRM.

In his inaugural speech, Admiral Leal Ferreira said: "The preparation of our forces has been one of the main reasons we are enjoying the longest period of peace in our history, characterized by diplomatic referral of disputes. I see the ocean and the inland waters as a way to approach and cooperate with other nations and as an access to remote corners of our vast country, allowing the State's presence in these regions" - which meets the current ocean governance policy developed by CIRM.

Born on June 2, 1952 in Rio de Janeiro, he joined the Navy in January 1971 at the Naval Academy. He was promoted to Ensign on December 13, 1974 and to Admiral in March 2013. Before assuming the Command of the Navy, he was the Commanding Officer of the Brazilian National War College, an institution under the Ministry of Defense. During the ceremony, he thanked his predecessor, Admiral Moura Neto.

The new Commandant of the Navy worked on board Brazilian ships for more than 16 years - he has accumulated about 1,300 days at sea - having served over 40 years, among other things, as Commanding Officer of the Corvette "Frontin", the Frigate "Bosísio", the 2nd Escort Squadron, the Naval Academy, the 7th Naval District in Brasilia, and the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet.

Abroad, he served as an Astronomical Navigation Instructor at the Naval Academy of Annapolis in the US and as a student at the Naval War Academy in Chile.

The inauguration ceremony took place at the Brazilian Marines Base, in Brasilia. Among those present were Ministers Jaques Wagner (Defense), Carlos Gabas (Welfare), José Elito (Institutional Security Office), Mangabeira Unger (Secretariat of Strategic Affairs) and Patrus Ananias (Land Development). Also present were former Minister of Defense Nelson Jobim, Minister of the Federal Supreme Court (STF) Marco Aurelio Mello and Minister of the Federal Audit Court (TCU) Raimundo Carreiro, in addition to other civil and military authorities.

