

CELEBRATE OUR SEAS



Part of National Marine Week

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
6 - 10 OCTOBER 2014



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The Celebrate Our Seas Festival is a National Marine Week Initiative that aims to highlight and address issues relevant to the entire marine life environment.

Objectives of the Celebrate Our Seas Festival

- Creating awareness around the importance and plight of the marine environment by targeting the general public and people of influence (teachers, corporates, decision makers etc).
- Changing behaviour: providing people with concrete actions they can take up to help the marine environment i.e. make it practical.
- Creating a groundswell of public demand for change in lifestyles and industry practices.
- Mobilising resources for the Festival in general and conservation research.
- Advocacy and lobbying initiatives: targeting higher-level decision makers with the aim of creating systemic change.

Vision and Values

- To inspire the public with ocean life and emphasise how important protecting, using, sustaining and treating it responsibly and respectfully is.
- To leave with a newfound respect for the ocean, and understand how it affects the individual and the country as a whole in terms of job creation, food security, social issues, socio-economics, livelihoods, sustainability etc.
- To develop an actively engaged society that is informed and inspired to celebrate and sustain our oceans.

WIN BIG!

WITH THE AMAZING Explore Our Seas QUEST

Online Marine Conservation Educational
Competition

Prizes: 3-nights for 4 at Robberg Nature Reserve, week long Nature's Valley Trust Volunteer programme, books, toys, t-shirts **and much more!**



**DON'T DELAY
REGISTER TODAY**

<http://mobi.celebrateourseas.co.za/>

Competition closes on 30 October 2014
Terms and Conditions apply

Conservation starts with you!

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Launch of the National Marine Week 2014

Keynote Speaker - Minister of Environmental Affairs - Edna Molewa

MONDAY

6 OCTOBER

Venue	East Pier II, East Pier Road, V&A Waterfront
Date	6 October 2014
Time	10h00 - 12h00
RSVP	znqayi@environment.gov.za

Oceans of Life Photographic Exhibition Opening Reception

The opening of the Oceans of Life Photographic Exhibition will be hosted by BirdLife South Africa, where we will announce the winners of this international event.

Professional photographer and great white shark expert, Chris Fallows, will give a presentation following which guests are invited to walk around the exhibition and admire beautiful images from all over the world.

18H00 - 21H30

6 OCTOBER

Venue	Iziko South African Museum, 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town
Dates	6 October 2014
Time	18h00 - 21h30
Cost	Free entry, but spaces are limited
RSVP	Book online through quicket.co.za and search for Oceans of Life



National Marine Week Schools' Oceans Exhibition

DAILY

6, 7, 9, 10 OCTOBER

Venue	East Pier I, East Pier Road, V&A Waterfront
Dates	6, 7, 9, 10 October 2014
Cost	Free entry
RSVP	ajohnson@environment.gov.za

SANCCOB's Wild About Libraries Lessons

In a fun and educational lesson, foundation and intermediate students will learn about the African penguin and the wellbeing of our oceans.

Amongst other enjoyable educational activities, students will learn how to act like a penguin, play a SASSI fishing game, and hear a fascinating story about the three penguins Percy, Pamela and Peter and their struggle through the Treasure Oil spill.

DAILY

6 - 10 OCTOBER

Venue	Milnerton: 6 October 10h00 - 11h00 Bothasig: 7 October 10h00 - 12h00 Table View: 8 October 10h00 - 11h00 Central: 9 October 10h00 - 12h30 Ocean View: 10 October 10h00 - 12h30
Cost	Free entry
RSVP	Talya Honor education3@sanccob.co.za / 021 557 6155





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The Amazing Fish Hoek Children's Beach Race

Enter your team now! Get creative....choose a catchy marine-themed team name, dress up in team colours, wear your swimsuit, be prepared to get wet and sandy, and don't forget a great attitude.

To enter a team, email Zanele on zanele@saveourseas.com and hurry! Numbers are limited.

11H00

7 OCTOBER

Venue	Fish Hoek Beach (playpark)
Dates	7 October 2014
Time	Race starts 11h00 sharp
Ages	7 - 12 years
Teams	2 - 6 team members

**note that each team MUST be accompanied by a (non-participating) adult*



Oceans of Life Photographic Exhibition

When it comes to making an impact, beautiful imagery surpasses almost all other media.

This is why the Oceans of Life Photographic Competition is the centerpiece of BirdLife South Africa's Celebrate Our Seas events.

We use photographs to celebrate marine life, and how remarkable, diverse and inspiring nature is. The images also reveal that there's more to marine biodiversity than meets the eye, reminding us how fragile life is and how vital caring for our environment is.

By submitting your images to this photographic competition, you are personally helping us in our mission to protect marine environments.

View this year's entries on www.oceansoflife.co.za/gallery/2014/entries

09H00 - 17H00

7 OCTOBER - 23 NOVEMBER

Venue	Iziko South African Museum, 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town
Dates	7 October - 23 November 2014
Time	09h00 - 17h00 daily

Museum entry fees apply

Ocean Explorers: Understanding Our Seas, Seabirds and Fisheries

In a dynamic and interactive educational programme, Western Cape school children will receive a unique opportunity to learn about our marine ecosystems and how to help conserve them.

Amongst other exciting activities, participating students will have a chance to meet Bob, our educational Tristan Albatross, learn about fascinating seabirds, and explore our amazing marine life through the Oceans of Life Photographic Exhibition.

This engaging educational programme aims to broaden young people's understanding and knowledge of marine ecosystems, with an emphasis on responsible behaviour to promote ocean health and sustainability.

For more information regarding this programme, please contact Christine Madden on 021 419 7347 or [**christine.madden@birdlife.org.za**](mailto:christine.madden@birdlife.org.za)

Partners	Mike Kendrick, Iziko Museums, BirdLife South Africa, Capfish
Audience	Grade 10



BirdLife South Africa Auction Evening

Experience the beach in style with a three-course dinner and auction at one of the most sought after beach venues in Cape Town. Brought to you by BirdLife South Africa.

Following dinner, there will be an auction. Items on auction include a weekend at Singita Safari Lodge. All proceeds will go to BirdLife South Africa's Seabird conservation programme.

18H00

8 OCTOBER

Venue	The Grand, Cape Town
Dates	8 October 2014
Time	18h00
Cost	R400 per person for 3 course dinner and wine
RSVP	Book on www.quicket.co.za and search for BirdLife South Africa Auction
Contact	daria@truenorthevents.co.za



Birds of the Southwestern Cape and Karoo Talk

This session includes a slideshow of stunning images that cover birds, endemic and otherwise, in the southernmost region of Africa.

19H30

9 OCTOBER

Speaker	Keith Valentine
Venue	Lagoon Beach, 1 Lagoon Beach Drive, Milnerton
Dates	9 October 2014
Time	19h30
Cost	R100 for lecture and cash bar available on the night
RSVP	Book on www.quicket.co.za and search for BirdLife South Africa

Changing Fortunes: BirdLife Preventing Extinction Of Iconic Seabirds Talk

Under the toughest conditions, BirdLife International took on one of the biggest conservation problems. And won.

In this talk, Dr Ross Wanless gives an overview of seabird conservation with a strong local flavour and recounts the remarkable story of how BirdLife's Marine Programme undertook an ambitious programme that involved multilateral organisations, massive high sea tuna fleets, and grassroots conservation, all to eliminate the impacts fishing has on seabirds.

19H30

10 OCTOBER

Speaker	Dr Ross Wanless
Venue	Lagoon Beach, 1 Lagoon Beach Drive, Milnerton
Dates	10 October 2014
Time	19h30
Cost	R100 for lecture and cash bar available on the night
RSVP	Book on www.quicket.co.za and search for BirdLife South Africa



National Marine Week Public Oceans Exhibition & Tours of the SA
Agulhas II

09H00 - 16H00

11, 12 OCTOBER

Venue	East Pier I, East Pier Road, V&A Waterfront
Dates	11, 12 October 2014
Time	09h00 - 16h00
RSVP	ajohnson@environment.gov.za

WESSA's Kommetjie Coastal Quest

Are you ready to put both your mental agility and physical endurance to the test?

Through a treasure hunt, explorers will navigate the ins and outs of our natural wonders and learn about the threats to this marine protected area, all while making a practical difference.

NB: This activity, which includes elements of education, adventure and advocacy, is suitable for those ten years and over, who are reasonably fit and are appropriately dressed for a hike. It is advised that you bring snacks, water, a hat and sunscreen.

10H00 - 12H00

11 OCTOBER

Venue	Slangkop Lighthouse at the end of Lighthouse Rd, Kommetjie
Dates	11 October 2014
Time	10h00 - 12h00
Cost	Free but donations to WESSA welcome. You can also sign on as WESSA member or supporter.
Facilitator	Patrick Dowling
RSVP	patrick@wessa.co.za / W 021 701 1397 H 021 783 2509 C 084 966 1249



Clean Up Our Awesome Oceans

Whether you live at the coast or far from it, whether you eat seafood or not, everyone depends on the ocean. Did you know that a healthy ocean generates half of the oxygen we breathe? There are fascinating creatures living in the ocean that depend on the flow of clean water all the way from the mountains through the estuaries to the sea.

All litter ends up in the ocean, so help us and join hands as part of the Celebrate our Seas Festival, as we embark on 20 clean ups for 20 years of democracy. From the inland rivers, wetlands to the estuaries and the beaches – we are going to do our bit to keep our awesome ocean clean this Marine Month.

For more information on how you can contribute contact **mengelbrecht@capenature.co.za** or watch out for a list of clean ups in your area shortly.

Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon Fund School Beach Clean-Ups

This educational beach clean-up event with a participating underprivileged school in the Western Cape is hosted by SANCCOB, and is made possible through a grant from the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon Fund.

09H00 - 10H00

30 OCTOBER

Venue	Muizenberg Beach, Beach Road, in front of the Hall and Information Centre (Surfer's Corner)
Dates	30 October 2014
Time	09h00 - 10h00
Host	SANCCOB and the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon Fund
Cost	Open to the public. Bring your own black bags and gloves.
RSVP	education@sanccob.co.za / 021 557 6155



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