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Course Report 2019



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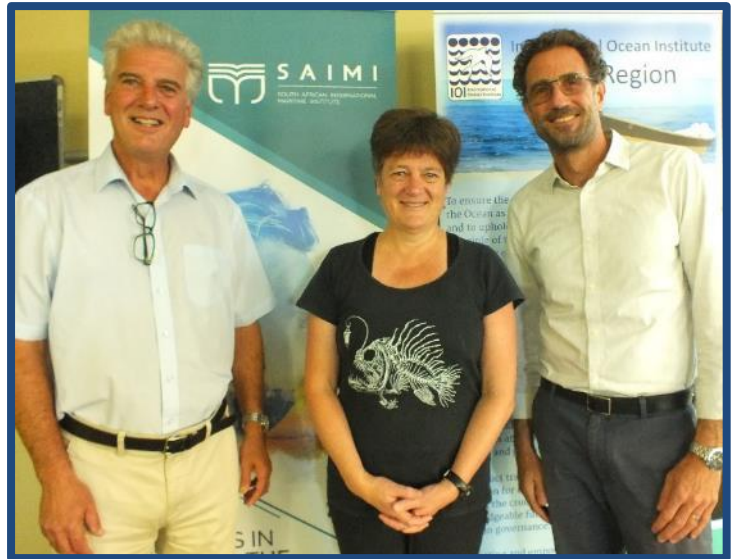
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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year we had the sixth annual course in ocean governance for Africa, and a great crew of participants and lecturers that gave it a very practical and applied feel. We continue to enjoy the partnership, input and support of SAIMI and SANBI, as well as all the institutions that were represented by the lecturers and guest speakers. The diversity of the subjects presented, as well as the contemporary relevance and depth of coverage, are the attributes that make this course unique. Face-to-face learning is increasingly difficult to justify in the face of the wide array of awareness and training tools available online. However, the course once again demonstrated the irreplaceable value of consistent in-depth interaction between experts and participants, as well as between the participants themselves, over the 4 week period. The experience has been described as transformative by many who have attended, and we feel provides an essential compliment to the skills development approaches that are increasingly needed in South Africa and the African region.



The course itself was updated slightly from the last year, as we continue to add new content related to emerging issues. This year, the discussions around areas beyond national jurisdiction, connectivity issues with coastal waters, and the functional role of marine spatial planning within African EEZ's were directly linked with the participants institutions and project activities. Similarly, the complexities around small scale fisheries and coastal communities was tackled from multiple angles, as an emblematic issue connecting several sectors and management concerns.

The participants left the course with an apparent and heightened focus on connecting their roles at home to the broader network of projects and institutions in the region. We have been encouraged by the follow-up we have already seen in the weeks after the course, and look forward to ongoing collaborations over years to come.





INTRODUCTION

The International Ocean Institute (IOI) focuses on training and capacity building through its global network of centers and affiliated training courses. The training center for Africa, IOI-SA, is based in Cape Town, South Africa. The Training Course in Ocean Governance for Africa is designed to meet the specific ocean governance conditions of the African States.

We were pleased to partner with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI) to run this, the 6th edition of the course, from the 2nd to the 27th of September 2019. The first course was run in 2013 and we have been able to run the course annually since 2015 thanks to the financial commitments from the Ocean Science Research Foundation (OSRF), via IOI-HQ, and SAIMI. The course is also only possible thanks to the suite of experts who generously return each year to engage with the participants and share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

The other key to the success of the course is the participants themselves - one of the strengths of the course is the opportunity for them to share their diverse experiences. Each year we have received far more applications than we are able to accept. This year 78 applications from 17 countries were received (42 males: 36 females). It is always a challenge to select only 20 participants from the high caliber and diverse applications we receive. We work hard to have diverse professional backgrounds, geographic and gender balance. It is our goal to include participants from a diverse range of disciplines and backgrounds who will be able to use the knowledge they gain in their work environments. This year, we accepted 21 participants from 10 countries. Unfortunately, one participant wasn't able to secure a visa in time and one had to leave early due to family commitments. The participants came from Benin, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Senegal, South Africa and Tanzania and a self-funded participant from Brazil.





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Lectures were delivered by over 40 regional and local experts from 30 institutions. Each week included at least one field trip to a local point of interest, with demonstrational components related to the subject of study. The schedule also provided time for group discussion sessions and feedback on topics that had been covered during the week. Field trips and lectures corresponded to one of five major themes that ran throughout the course:

Module 1: Oceans and Coasts – Opportunities and Threats

Module 2: The Governance Framework

Module 3: Governance Tools

Module 4: Governance in Action

Module 5: Creating a Supportive Environment for the Management of Oceans and Coasts



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THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The goal of the course is to meet the ongoing needs within the African region for awareness and training related to the various disciplines associated with ocean governance. The course aims to contribute to developing a network of practitioners or “Ocean Ambassadors” that will continue to work towards and promote responsible, knowledge-based ocean governance throughout Africa. While the course highlights the importance of the global governance framework, it has a regional focus, emphasizing the benefits of harmonizing ocean policies that promote a shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management in Africa.

The course includes legal, institutional and technical aspects of ocean governance, with an emphasis on implementation, as this is a common shortcoming in capacity for environmental regulation in many African countries. The Ocean Governance course covered a wide range of topics including maritime security, shipping, marine biodiversity and climate change. This was intended to provide participants with at least a basic understanding of these subjects, their inter-related nature, and the opportunity to engage with local and regional experts from a range of fields. We also include sessions on stakeholder engagement and conflict resolution to try boost the soft skills that practitioners can benefit from in their work engagements. Similarly, The participants were required to give a short presentation – this facilitates the participants getting to know each other’s professional backgrounds and practice their presentation skills. The weeks were characterized by lively discussion and thoughtful input from the participants.

Professor Larry Hildebrand, Distinguished Scholar and Special Advisor at the World Maritime University – Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute in Malmö, Sweden and a member of the IOI Governing Board joined the course in the final week to share his experience with Integrated Coastal Management, the SDGs and ocean governance in general. The course was, once again, opened to the wider marine community with a challenging lecture entitled: “*The Future Ain’t What it Used to Be: Planning for Adapting to a Changing World Ocean.*” This lecture, timed as it was to coincide with some of the biggest climate change protests and release of the IPCC report, brought home how we need to start thinking laterally and acting boldly to respond to the changes that are occurring the world. Larry challenged all those present to realise the importance of the responsible ocean governance in meeting these challenges.





On the closing day, Adnan Awad asked the participants to state what commitment they were willing to make as ocean ambassadors returning to their places of work. The participants felt more empowered with knowledge and confidence as a result of the course. They committed to disseminating what they have learnt to their colleagues and many committed to encouraging colleagues to attend the course in the future. One of the other recurring commitments that emerged was to changing the approach taken to stakeholder engagement; in trying to better understand the perspectives of different sectors, we can begin to break down the traditional silos and build trust across sectors for more effective governance.

The participants were able to join the new online community platform that they will have access to as alumni of an IOI training program (www.ioialumni.ioihq.org.mt) where they are able to connect with participants in all the global training programs across the years.

Field Trips

The field trips formed an integral part of the technical course schedule, as well as providing the participants a change of scenery. For many of the participants, it is their first time to visit some of the world-famous Western Cape sights. In the first week, after discussing marine debris with John Kieser of PlasticSA, we visited City of Cape Town's Kraaifontein Manual Recovery Plant. The Plant is a practical example of why it is important to manage waste effectively and coordinate recycling to divert waste from landfill. John used the opportunity to highlight some of the challenges and opportunities in the recycling industry and how the manufacturing and marketing industry can influence the recycling process. John also invited the participants to join PlasticSA and Fine Music Radio on International Coastal Clean-up Day. Unfortunately, the day of the clean-up was rained out, but the participants braved the cold, wet weather to clean up a section of the beach and contribute to the conservation of our oceans.





The field trip to the Port of Cape Town was facilitated by IOI-SA Ambassador, Michael Melato. Michael is an enthusiastic supporter of IOI-SA and explained some of the complexities of Port Management before showing the participants some of the working parts of the Port, including the firefighting facilities and pump room of the dry docks with the Harbour Master. Ravi Naicker, another IOI-SA Ambassador, explained the MARPOL Convention to participants in the board room of the Port Control Building, with its expansive view of the Port providing context to the complexities associated with shipping.



Marine Spatial Planning Field Trips

The excursions to Boulders Beach, Save Our Seas, Zandvlei and Muizenberg in week two and Saldanha, Langebaan and the West Coast National Park in week three, helped the participants prepare for their group exercises in Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). MSP is an increasingly important tool for ocean governance in Africa. The participants were divided into two groups (False Bay and Saldanha Bay) and tasked with creating a user-interaction matrix and identifying possible areas of conflict, both in the current context and under possible future scenarios. They were then asked to develop a spatial plan for their respective bays that incorporates the different stakeholder groups' conflicting interests.



Field Trip to Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, Save Our Seas, Muizenberg and Zandvlei Wetland.

The African Penguin is an Endangered species but the Boulders Beach colony remains one of the more stable colonies. It was only founded (by an intrepid pair of penguins) in 1983, in an already established residential area. It is an example of a successful conservation area that is a significant tourist attraction and income generator in a developed coastal environment. However, there are complex management issues to consider, including how to manage birds that are breeding outside of the reserve in private homes, the Navy grounds or public beaches – Katta Ludynia of SANCCOB was able to break down some of the challenges facing the African Penguins for the group. For the first time, we visited the environmental education centre, SAVE OUR SEAS, in Kalk Bay. Here, the participants were challenged to complete a treasure hunt which required active engagement with the fun and educational exhibits at the centre. Lynn Jackson presented her lectures on the Convention for Biological Biodiversity and wetland management which was a good lead in to our visit to Muizenberg – where we saw how the mouth of Zandvlei is actively managed by the City of Cape Town to maintain water levels and estuary functioning. We then visited Zandvlei Wetland Reserve, where we were privileged to have Mark Arendse walk us through the wetland and point out some of the traditional uses of the plants we were passing.

Participants discussing penguin conservation issues with SANCCOB scientist, Katta Ludynia at Boulders Beach; visiting Save Our Seas in Kalk Bay. Learning about traditional uses of plants, wetland management and marine debris with Mark Arendse from the City of Cape Town





Field Trip to Saldanha Bay, Langebaan Beach and West Coast National Park

A visit to Saldanha Bay Oysters allowed participants to discuss the real challenges and opportunities that face mariculture practitioners in Saldanha Bay - including the impacts of marine pollution; invasive species; wave action and water quality and how plans for new development in the area impact existing businesses.

We then visited the Port of Saldanha's Port Control Building. The building provides an excellent viewing point to observe the many activities taking place in the port and provided impetus for discussion around the possible environmental concerns and considerations. We heard about practical day-to-day operations of the Port and from a Pilot about this particularly adventurous maritime profession. We were able to visit Markus Island and see how a predator wall was built to help protect breeding seabirds from land-based predators that were able to access the island after the causeway was built.

From there, we visited the beach at Langebaan and discussed issues around change in sedimentation and erosion and its impact on tourism, private property and Port development.

Finally, we had a SANParks sponsored visit to the West Coast National Park, a RAMSAR wetland area. There was time for a quick visit to the Geelbek bird hide and discussion around ecotourism before heading back to Cape Town.



From top: Saldanha Bay Oyster Company – operations; Port of Saldanha port control building; West Coast daisies.



Regional Policy Exercise

The participants were required to work in groups on a Regional Policy Exercise throughout the four weeks of the course, with final presentations of their work to be delivered on the final day. The exercise required participants to split in to two groups corresponding to the East and West coast of Africa. Each group had to familiarize itself with the appropriate regional convention for the sub-region (Nairobi or Abidjan Convention) and then pick three components of the Convention (e.g. Protocols) on which they would provide detailed policy recommendations to support a Regional Oceans Policy. The group exercises not only put participants in roles that were challenging in their unfamiliarity, but also exposed participants to some of the real-life hurdles involved in working within a group of people from different backgrounds, languages and knowledge bases. The groups approached the task differently, but both groups took the task seriously and produced an informative report and presentation. The final reports are available on the IOI-SA website.

Social Program

An essential feature of the course is the opportunity for participants from all over Africa to engage with each other, exchange ideas and realize a common goal for ocean governance throughout Africa. This is facilitated by interactions outside of the intensive lecture schedule. Robin Adams, very kindly invited the course participants to a braai at his home - it was a wonderful evening and we are very grateful to Robin for his hospitality.

On the 23rd, the participants were invited to wear clothes that represented their culture backgrounds to celebrate Heritage Day (24th September), and they showed up in style. Some of the participants chose to explore Cape Point together on Heritage Day. This also provided an opportunity for them to meet Prof Larry Hildebrand, who joined the course for the final week.

This year's participants were proactive in organizing weekly social engagements and embracing South Africa's 'Braai culture' and exploring the city.

In the last week of the course, there was a course dinner to celebrate and unwind at the beautifully situated Brass Bell restaurant. The 2019 course was concluded on the 27th of September with the issuing of well-deserved Certificates of Completion for each of the new Ocean Ambassadors, a final word of congratulations from course partners, SAIMI and a visit to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens courtesy of our hosts, SANBI.





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The Schedule

Monday 2nd September

General Introduction	Shannon Hampton	IOI-SA
Introduction to Course Partner, SANBI	Jonathon Donaldson	SANBI
Introduction to Course Partner, SAIMI	Odwa Mtati	SAIMI
Introduction to IOI-SA	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA
What is Ocean Governance?	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA
Science to Governance	Magnus Ngoile	University of Dar es Salaam



Tuesday 3rd September

Module 2: The Governance Framework		
<i>Strengthening Institutional Capacity towards Sustainable Marine Governance in Coast Region, Kenya</i>	<i>Emojong Mercy Amai</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: NEMA, Kenya</i>
International Regulatory Framework	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA
Regional Agreements	Magnus Ngoile	University of Dar es Salaam
Regional Framework Discussion	Magnus Ngoile	University of Dar es Salaam
Introduction to Regional Policy Exercise	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA

Wednesday 4th September

Module 2: The Governance Framework		
<i>Do We Need Blue Warriors for a Blue Economy</i>	<i>Werner Kwak</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: SA Navy, South Africa</i>
UNCLOS	Patrick Vrancken	Nelson Mandela University

Thursday 5th September

Module 1: Oceans and Coasts: Threats and Opportunities		
<i>CNDIO - Gabon</i>	<i>Hervé Koumbi</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: CNDIO, Gabon</i>
Threats to Oceans and Coasts	Coleen Moloney	University of Cape Town
Marine Invasive Species	Charles Griffiths	University of Cape Town
Marine Debris	John Kieser	PlasticSA
Field Trip: City of Cape Town's Kraaifontein Manual Recovery Plant	John Kieser	PlasticSA

Friday 6th September

Module 3: Governance Tools		
<i>Developing the effective models for enhancing local marine conservation in Madagascar</i>	<i>Tahiry Randrianafimanana</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: Blue Solutions, Madagascar</i>
Modelling as a tool for ocean governance	Roy van Ballegooyen	WSP Parsons Brinckerhof
Geospatial technologies	Melanie Luck-Vogel	Centre of Scientific and Industrial Research
Climate Change	Neville Sweijd	ACCESS
Group Discussion Session	Shannon Hampton	IOI-SA



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Monday 9th September

Module 4: Governance in Action		
<i>Fisheries Management: Focusing on MCS as the Chief Directorate within DAFF</i>	<i>Dakalo Gadisi</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: DAFF, South Africa</i>
Living Marine Resources, Aquaculture, Fisheries (International and Regional Agreements)	Kevern Cochrane	Rhodes University
Environmental Economics	Stephen Hosking	Cape Peninsular University of Technology
<i>South African Integrated Ocean Economy Development Investment Attractiveness</i>	<i>Thando Ponco</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: Alfred Nzo District Municipality, South Africa</i>
Introduction to the Blue Economy	Ken Findlay	Cape Peninsular University of Technology

Tuesday 10th September

Module 4: Governance in Action		
<i>International Law for Small Scale Fisheries</i>	<i>Julia Nakamura</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: University of Strathclyde, Brazil</i>
An overview of Marine Trade in Southern Africa	Markus Burgener	TRAFFIC
Marine Stewardship Council in Africa	Michael Marriott	Marine Stewardship Council
Abalobi App for Small Scale Fishers	Chris Kastern	Abalobi
<i>My role in South Africa's Small-Scale Fisheries Sector</i>	<i>Abongile Ngqongwa</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: DAFF, South Africa</i>
Small-Scale Responsible Fisheries Training	Shannon Hampton	IOI-SA
Scenarios for the future of the Northern Mozambique Channel	Video	CORDIO and Wiofutures

Wednesday 12th September

Field Trip to False Bay		
False Bay Field Trip: Including urban penguin conservation efforts, Save our Seas, Zandvlei Estuary and mouth		
Convention for Biological Diversity	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA
Wetland Management	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA

Thursday 12th September

Module 4: Governance in Action		
<i>Watercourse quality management based on collected information in Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire)</i>	<i>Marie Banzio</i>	<i>Participation presentation: CIAPOL, Côte d'Ivoire</i>
Environmental Guidelines and Standards	Susan Taljaard	CSIR
Environmental Quality Monitoring and Assessment		
Module 5: Creating a Supportive Environment		
Conflict Resolution	Liz McDaid	The Green Connection

Friday 13th September

Module 4: Governance in Action		
<i>Highlights and Challenges of a Conservation Practitioner</i>	<i>Cloverly Lawrence</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: SANParks, South Africa</i>
MPA Management	Robin Adams	WWF-SA
Legal Aspects of Climate Change	Jan Glazewski	UCT
Behaviour Change – the missing ingredient in conservation	Pavs Pillay	WWF-SA



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MPA Expansion in South Africa	Robyn Adams	SANBI
<i>Monitoring Marine Biology of South Eastern Atlantic Region of SA</i>	<i>Monalisa Mabandla</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: DEA, South Africa</i>
<i>Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park – Role and Functions</i>	<i>Haji Mahingika</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park, Tanzania</i>
Regional Policy Exercise	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA

Monday 16th September

Module 4C: Living Marine Resources		
<i>SANBI Marine Programme – The life of an intern</i>	<i>Shakirah Rylands</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: SANBI, South Africa</i>
Agenda 2063	Alex Benkenstein	SAIIA
The Role of PASA and offshore exploration activity and production	Dave van der Spuy	PASA
Maritime Security	Tony Cole	King Cole Maritime
Flag/Port State Control	Bill Dernier	
Offshore Oil and Gas Governance	Answa De Lange	PETROSA

Tuesday 17th September

Field Trip to Port of Cape Town		
Port Management	Michael Melato	Transnet Port Authority
Port of Cape Town Tour		
<i>An Environmentalist in the Port of Richards Bay</i>	<i>Xoliswa Xulu</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: TNPA, South Africa</i>
<i>Environmental Officer at the Port of Saldanha</i>	<i>Pretty Dlamini</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: TNPA, South Africa</i>
MARPOL and Oil Spill Contingency Planning	Ravi Naicker	South African Maritime Safety Authority

Wednesday 18th September

Module 4: Governance in Action		
<i>Offshore hydrocarbons exploitation and marine environmental challenges</i>	<i>Theodore Kpeyi</i>	<i>Participant presentation: Ministry of Water and Mines, Benin</i>
Dumping at Sea	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA
Land-based Activity	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA
Regional Policy Exercise	Lynn Jackson	IOI-SA
Ballast water management	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA
Biofouling – Mauritius case study	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA

Thursday 19th September

Field Trip to West Coast	
Mariculture operations at Saldanha Bay Oysters	Saldanha Bay Oysters
Visit to port control at Port of Saldanha	Transnet Port Authority
Discussion on beach erosion at Langebaan Beach	IOI-SA
Visit to West Coast National Park	SANParks



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Friday 20th September

<i>Assisting SANBI's Marine Programme</i>	<i>Msimlelo Gqaleni</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: SANBI, South Africa</i>
Module 5: Creating a Supportive Environment for the Management of the Oceans		
Stakeholder Engagement	Leticia Greyling	Rhodes University
Awareness Raising and capacity building		
Module 4: Governance in Action		
Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction and the BBNJ Agreement	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA
Group Discussion	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA

Saturday 21st September

<i>International Coastal Clean Up Day: Woodbridge Island with PlasticSA and Fine Music Radio</i>
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Monday 23rd September

Module 3: Governance Tools		
Regional Oceanography	Mike Roberts	NMU/National Oceanography Centre, UK
Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Ryan Peter	Department of Environmental Affairs
ICM and MSP internationally	Harry Hildebrand	World Maritime University
<i>Implementation of Area-based Management "tools" in South Africa</i>	<i>Nqobile Hlophe</i>	<i>Participant Presentation: DEA, South Africa</i>
Marine Spatial Planning Workshop	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA

Tuesday 24th September

Public Holiday – Heritage Day	Voluntary tourist trip to Cape Point National Park
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Wednesday 25th September

Module 3: Governance Tools, Marine Spatial Planning		
<i>MSP in Senegal, how geospatial data can support the process</i>	<i>Dieynaba Seck</i>	<i>Participation Presentation: CSE, Senegal</i>
Lunch Lecture: "The Future Ain't What it Used to Be: Planning for Adapting to a Changing World Ocean"	Larry Hildebrand	World Maritime University
What is MSP and how does it fit into Integrated Ocean Management?	Mandy Lombard	Nelson Mandela University

Thursday 26th September

Module 3: Governance Tools, Marine Spatial Planning		
MSP in South Africa	Mandy Lombard	Nelson Mandela University
A recap of the essential elements to Ocean Governance	Larry Hildebrand	World Maritime University
Sustainable Development Goals and the way forward		
Regional Policy Exercise Workshop	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA



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Friday 27th September

Round Table		
Participants Deliver Regional Ocean Policy Workshop	Round Table	
Closing Remarks by Partner Institution - SAIMI	Nwabisa Matoti	SAIMI
Closing Remarks and discussion	Adnan Awad	IOI-SA
Lunch and Visit to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens sponsored by SANBI		



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The South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI) was formed in 2014 and is based in Nelson Mandela Bay. It aims to facilitate the development of the skills and knowledge base required to ensure the success of maritime economic development initiatives such as Operation Phakisa (South Africa) and the African Union's African Integrated Maritime Strategy. SAIMI serves South Africa and the African Continent by promoting skills development, education, training and research in support of the Blue Economy.



The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) leads and coordinates research, and monitors and reports on the state of biodiversity in South Africa. The institute provides knowledge and information, gives planning and policy advice and pilots best-practice management models in partnership with stakeholders.



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