IMCC7 is offering two field excursions that will take place on Saturday, 19 October 2024, a day after the closing of the conference. The two excursions promises to be most informative and enjoyable and provide delegates a glimpse of marine life at the tip of Africa.

Please take time to read the following important points:

• IMPORTANT: prior booking and payment will be required for the official excursions.
• Please book and pay for the official tours via the registration portal on the website.
• If you are departing on a flight out of Cape Town on Saturday, 19 October 2024 please be aware that the duration of both tours may take up most of your day.
• We estimate that your return to the city will be in the afternoon. However, please note that IMCC7, the organizers, and the tour operator cannot guarantee an exact return time. We are not liable for any costs incurred due to delays in returning to Cape Town.
• IMCC7 and the organizers reserve the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient interest or bad weather. In such cases, delegates will receive a full refund.
• No refreshments are included on both tours.
Every day people can play a part in science by helping Cape RADD collect data on the fish and sharks of False Bay!

Cape RADD’s “Snorkel for Science” program invites everyday individuals to participate in marine conservation by assisting in data collection on fish and sharks in False Bay. Participants join marine biologists for a guided snorkel to search for species like puffadder and pyjama sharks. The program includes a briefing on False Bay’s ecosystem and the trips objectives, with the aim of balancing scientific value and customer enjoyment. Divers will assist with spotting and photographing sharks and their patterns to submit them to Fin Spotter for population estimation and movement tracking.

The activity is beginner-friendly, with all equipment provided, and is subject to weather conditions. You will meet your Marine Biologist host at the Ocean Hub for a short briefing on the unique ecosystem of False Bay and the Cape Peninsula, and discuss our dive objectives over a coffee or tea. Then... we go and explore!

PHOTO Opportunity: As well as taking photos of the sharks, our guides will also be taking photos of the entire experience from all the other critters we see and the beautiful ocean landscapes to YOU swimming through the kelp being a Citizen Scientist!

What To Bring: Bring a swimming costume and towel. All other equipment is provided!

Experience level – Beginner

Entrance type – Shore entry

Where: Simon’s Town (approx. 45km or 42 minutes dependant on traffic) – full day

Cost Per Person: R1500.00

Departure time: From 7am with last tour departing 1pm – delegates will be advised of the exact departure time by the organizers in August 2024.

Tour Departs from: CTICC 2 - Corner of Heerengracht & Rua Bartholomeu Dias, Foreshore – Entrance 7

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The primary objective of the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds is to conserve seabirds, the African penguin being the flagship species of focus, and, upon identification thereof, other complementary marine species.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Oiled wildlife preparedness, planning and response.
- Rehabilitation, chick-rearing and breeding programmes.
- Original and collaborative research which contributes toward achieving the organisation’s conservation goals.
- Training people to handle and care for seabirds and other marine species, oil spill response procedures, safety and other relevant skills that will benefit conservation.
- Education and public awareness which inform and encourage people to develop positive habits that contribute towards a healthy ocean and wellbeing of the animals that depend on it.
- Fundraising, revenue-generating activities and project administration which support the objects of the company.
- Informing and influencing local and global consciousness and action, promoting responsible governance of marine ecosystems and the conservation of marine animals that depend on it, and working towards harmonious coexistence between humans and marine life.

**Tour**

A SANCCOB staff member will guide you around the facility, attendees will be taken to the different areas (hospital, rehabilitation, Chick Rearing Unit, etc) and you will experience firsthand the work it entails to rehabilitate seabirds. You get to see the birds in the different areas being treated, feed or swimming.

**Where:** Tableview (approx. 18km or 34 minutes dependant on traffic) – 4hrs full trip

**Cost Per Person:** R575.00

**Departure time:** From 8am with last tour departing 1pm – delegates will be advised of the exact departure time by the organizers in August 2024.

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