

International Ocean Institute of Southern Africa

BUILDING STRENGTHS TO SAVE OUR SEAS

IOI-SA is part of a network of 25 IOI centres around the world promoting the concepts of sustainability and common heritage in the oceans. IOI-SA upholds this mission by:

- Providing the training, technical support and research needed to address the growing concern of pollution from ships and land-based sources, as well as the introduction of invasive marine species.
- Helping to increase compliance with international and local legislation, as well as developing new legal instruments and policies as needed.
- Promoting community participation in the conservation of our coastal resources

Programmes to address threats to southern Africa's ocean environments:



MARINE POLLUTION (PREVENTION) PROGRAMME

Pollution from ships and land-based sources represents one of the greatest threats to the world's oceans. The Programme aims to provide the tools and support for:

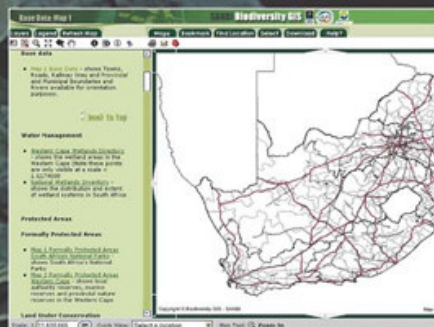
- Local, national & regional level capacity strategy & action
- Technical assistance for project design & implementation
- Capacity building mechanisms to support existing structures



MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAMME

The threat of invasive species introductions is increasing with the growth of shipping, mariculture and fishing industries. The programme provides the mechanisms to combat and minimise these threats through

- Increased management capacity and training
- Development of best practice tools
- International legislation and policy support



BIODIVERSITY INFORMATICS PROGRAMME

Effective and efficient management of biodiversity and environmental information at a project, national and regional level can be difficult to achieve without the use of correct information and communication technology. Through this programme, IOISA helps to ensure that this technical information is stored, managed and made easily accessible to end users so that it may be used to guide decisions and assist in solving environmental problems.

The IOI-SA Marine Training Centre offers comprehensive courses in:

Marine Pollution • Marine Invasive Species Management • Ocean & Coastal Management (MSc.)
Ballast Water Management • Municipal Wastewater Management • Port Survey Planning & Implementation

