

KWAZULU-NATAL'S COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The KZN Coastal Management Unit, with support and funding from provincial government, national government and DFID is leading in the establishment of a Provincial Coastal Management Programme. The programme, which is part of Coastcare, focuses on integrated and co-operative governance of our coast and its resources, and builds on the Coastal White Paper. Core programme components include:

- Providing support to the KZN Coastal Working Group;
- Adapting the national White Paper into a KZN coastal policy;
- Getting all government departments on board in the coastal management process;
- Ensuring integrated coastal management;
- Designing systems for co-operative governance partnerships;
- Supporting municipalities implement local coastal management; and
- Developing a public relations campaign.

The platform created by this programme will enable all KZN citizens to realise the benefits of the coast and also the benefits of becoming involved in its management. It is a process that is actively responding to the needs of all sectors of the population of KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa, and it provides an innovative vehicle for the achievement of a sustainable future for our coast and its people.

TREASURE CHEST PROJECT

During Marine Week 2002, over 80 people gathered for the launch of a unique marine education project—the WWF-SA Treasure Chest. The Treasure Chest is a box of materials that will help educators and learners to have fun while learning about the sea. Each Treasure Chest contains an exciting range of resources including practical items - such as preserved fish and crabs, inflatable globes and puzzles, the Coastcare Fact Sheet Series and a specially-designed educator's guide. During 2003 the Treasure Chests will be workshopped with educators throughout KwaZulu-Natal and they will have the opportunity to take a Treasure Chest back to their school to use. For more information contact Judy Mann-Lang, Manager: Sea World Education Centre, Tel (031) 337 3536.



Treasure Chest educators from around the Durban Metro region proudly show off the WWF-SA Treasure Chest

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OUTREACH PROGRAMME EXPANDS

The South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR) is pleased to announce that, through funding from the National Lottery, over 20 000 underprivileged learners from rural KwaZulu-Natal will be able to experience the wonder and excitement of an educational excursion to Sea World, the aquarium and dolphinarium in Durban.

The generous funding provided by the National Lottery will complement and expand the current Outreach Programme that has been run by Sea World since 1993. The programme will also enable over 500 educators and principals to attend specially-designed training workshops.

The Valley Trust, a non-government organisation based in the Valley of a Thousand Hills and with considerable experience in rural education, will be assisting Sea World with the co-ordination of the project.

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JUST BEADING AROUND

The Nyoni Craft and Cultural Centre, which sells high quality beaded products, was officially opened on 5 December 2002. The Centre is owned and managed by members of the Nyoni Co-operative. The objective of the centre is to relieve pressure on coastal resources by the development of sustainable income-generating enterprises. To get there take the Amatikulu / Nyoni off-ramp from the N2 between Durban and Richards Bay and follow the signboards.

Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Rejoice Mabudafhasi opening the Nyoni Craft and Cultural Centre



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TO DRIVE OR NOT TO DRIVE

Driving in the coastal zone in South Africa is now illegal. This follows the expiry of the transitional period, on 21 December 2002, of the national Regulations Controlling the Use of Vehicles in the Coastal Zone.

This excludes

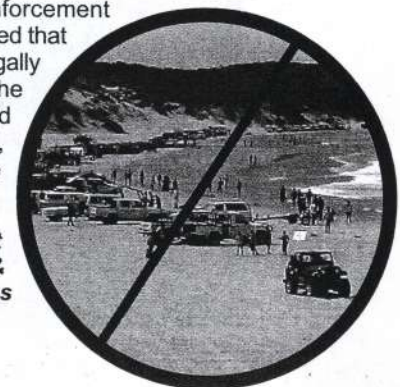
- using a vehicle on a public road;
- using a vehicle in an emergency situation (e.g. in order to safeguard human life or health);
- the use of a vehicle by an employee of the State for the purposes of performing public duties; and
- the use of electrically-propelled vehicles by physically disabled persons.

This also excludes using a vehicle for any purposes within boat launching sites until the second transitional period expires in July 2003.

Driving in the coastal zone for recreational purposes is only allowed in permitted recreational use areas. No areas have been designated in KwaZulu-Natal yet but four processes are currently underway, with a further four imminent. Once these areas have been designated you will be able to buy a permit and drive in the coastal zone for recreational purposes.

Please remember that enforcement officers have been instructed that persons using vehicles illegally should be removed from the coastal zone, or arrested and their vehicles seized, in accordance with these Regulations.

Tandi Moffett, Department of Agriculture & Environmental Affairs



WHAT IS COASTCARE?

The White Paper for Sustainable Coastal Development in South Africa was launched by Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Minister, Valli Moosa in June 2000 after three years of policy development.

Coastcare is the brand name given to implement the White Paper. Its vision is for all the people of South Africa to celebrate the diversity, richness and benefits of our coast; to strive together for sustainable development; and to assume shared responsibility for the management of our coast in a way that benefits current and future generations.

Coastcare aims for:

- Coastal economic development that makes the best use of available resources;
- Coastal development that promotes social equity through improved livelihoods for poor coastal communities; and
- A healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Coastcare provides financial and technical assistance for:

- Coastal development projects;
- Institutional capacity building of coastal management organizations;
- Legal development to support policy;
- Awareness, education and training initiatives;
- Coastal resource planning;
- Applied research; and
- Coastal information management projects.

Coastcare already has over 300 projects along the South African coast, each one bringing its own dynamism and benefit to the communities involved.



Community members and implementing agent rejoice at the launch of the Coastcare-funded Nyoni Craft and Cultural Centre

KZN FLIES THE BLUE FLAG

The Blue Flag, one of the high profile projects under the Coastcare umbrella, is an international annual award given only to those beaches that meet excellence in safety, amenities, cleanliness and environmental standards. For the 2002/3 season, five of the eight South African beaches that have been awarded Blue Flags are from KwaZulu-Natal. They are: • Margate Main Beach • South Beach, Durban • Willard Beach, Ballito • Ramsgate Beach • Marina Beach.

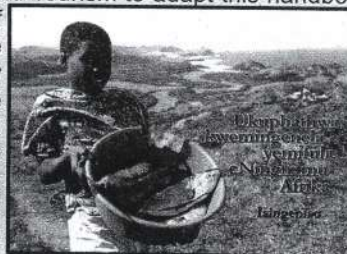
At the same time, a further six South African beaches have reached the Blue Flag pilot stage and now need to prove their merit as a future Blue Flag beach. If all aspects of the qualifying standards are met, four KZN pilot beaches will then be allowed to apply for full Blue Flag Status. They are: • Alkantstrand, Richards Bay • Umhlanga Beach • Scottburgh Beach • Hibberdene Beach.

In KwaZulu-Natal, the Blue Flag season runs for a full year from 1/11 to 31/10 the next year.



Managing Estuaries in South Africa – the isiZulu Adaptation

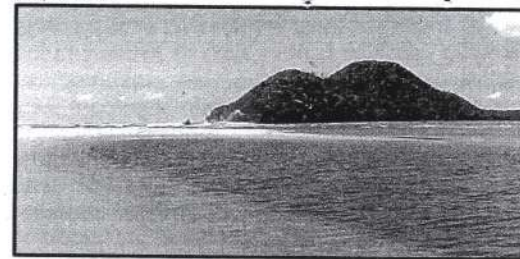
Following the successful publication and circulation of *Managing Estuaries in South Africa: An Introduction*, the Institute of Natural Resources was commissioned by the provincial Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs and the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to adapt this handbook into isiZulu. Instead of translating it directly, the handbook was completely reworked to suit the requirements of an isiZulu speaking audience. The handbook is currently with the printers and will be launched in February.



COASTAL TOURISM IN THE KINGDOM

Wozani, they say. Our kingdom calls. And there's good reason why so many people are heeding the call. Tourism statistics from 2002 provide an indication of the use of KwaZulu-Natal's beaches by domestic and foreign tourists. Both types of tourists are drawn to the sea but usually for different reasons. People from KZN go to the beach because it is an economic resource, is easily accessible and provides a wide range of entertainment possibilities. Visitors from inland travel to the coast for their annual, biannual or even more frequent long weekend breaks. Tourists from the cold of the northern hemisphere flock to the beaches of KZN in order to 'thaw out', as well as to experience the wildness of the Indian Ocean and related African cultural offerings. Some 44% of all foreign visitors to KZN go to the beaches, surpassing even foreign visitor numbers to nature reserves (39%).

In 2002, 42% of all the domestic visitors to KZN visited Durban, 33% visited the South Coast and 22% visited the North Coast. As each person spent over R1 000 on a trip, domestic tourism contributed some R12.4 billion to KwaZulu-Natal. Of a total number of 427 000 foreign visitors, 69% visited Durban, 23% visited the South Coast and 24% visited the North Coast. Each foreign visitor spent approximately R5 936 per trip to KZN, contributing around R4 billion to the tourism industry of the province.



Idyllic Kosi Bay

KwaZulu-Natal has almost 300 km of coastline and offers a variety of beach types from the pristine to those with facilities. The coast is perhaps the main tourism attraction of the province and needs the continued attention of all concerned organizations in order to maintain its widespread appeal for residents and visitors alike.

Karen Kohler,
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