

Workshop: Marine connectivity in support of marine protected areas planning in the Mozambique Channel

Date: Saturday 19 October, Two Oceans Aquarium, Cape Town

Time: 8:30 - 16:30 (GMT+2)

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The IMCC, which is taking place in Cape Town between 13 and 18 October 2024, provides the ideal networking opportunity, connecting people from across Southern African and the globe. This full-day workshop, which will be held post-IMCC on Saturday, 19th October 2024 at the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town, will provide an opportunity for international scientists and ocean management practitioners to discuss recent and ongoing research on marine connectivity, and its role in informing regional marine protected area network strategies, with a specific focus on the Mozambique Channel region. The morning session will review and discuss recent advances in marine connectivity research and focus on key ongoing regional initiatives. The workshop format will remain interactive to allow for discussions among participants and help identify research gaps and opportunities. During the afternoon session, some of the projects funded under the recent international SIOMPA call (Southwest Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas: Ecological connectivity to maximize biodiversity conservation) will be showcased, and potential synergies between the projects will be explored. This workshop is jointly sponsored by the CNRS and IRD (France), as well as NRF-SAIAB (South Africa), as part of the French 'Year of the Sea'. Spaces are extremely limited, so if you are interested, please contact Taryn Murray (TS.Murray@saiab.nrf.ac.za) by Monday, 9th September.