

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SCIENCE MONTH

Science, technology and innovations are for everyone!



**1 to 31 July 2026
across the country**

National Science Month, an expansion of National Science Week, gives individuals and institutions a focused opportunity to interest South Africans in science, technology and innovation and show how they affect our lives.

WEBINAR

Ghost fishing and avian entanglements as a result of snagged and discarded terminal tackle from recreational fishers

Date: 20 July 2026

Time: 12:00 to 13:00

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**SPEAKER
Mr MARK DIXON**

Mark, a qualified marine biologist, has worked in environmental positions globally as a CCAMLR Scientific Observer in the Ross Sea, Antarctica. He founded the Strandloper Project, a citizen science volunteer non-profit organisation which researches ghost fishing, ocean plastic waste and marine fauna in the Garden Route. Each year he leads a coastal research expedition, hiking along the shoreline to document ocean plastic pollution, washed out fishing debris and marine wildlife.

Block Theme: Environmental and Conservation Management

Approximately 10% of the world's plant species, 7% of the world's reptile, bird and mammal species, and roughly 15% of the world's known coastal marine species are found in South Africa and it is the third most biologically diverse country in the world. South Africa is actively involved in marine science research, including significant research in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean through the South African National Antarctic Programme and the South African Polar Research Infrastructure.



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