



## UCT-SANCOR Seminar by **Dr Kirsty McQuaid** (University of Plymouth, UK and SANBI)

### “What’s the deal with deep-sea mining?”

This seminar will provide an overview of the landscape for deep-sea mining in international waters, including the minerals and areas of interest, environmental impacts, governance and regulations, and key sticking points in the negotiations currently underway.

**Date:** Monday, 27 March 2023  
**Time:** 13h00 SAST  
**Venue:** UCT Oceanography Seminar Room

#### *About the Speaker*

Kirsty is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Plymouth and the South African National Biodiversity Institute.

Kirsty works on deep-sea ecosystems, trying to better understand the environmental drivers of biological variation in megafauna communities, and using this information to support habitat classification, mapping and Marine Spatial Planning.

Kirsty works both in international waters and the South African EEZ, with a specific interest in deep-sea mining. She currently works on One Ocean Hub and is coordinator of the Challenger 150 African Network of Deep-water Researchers.