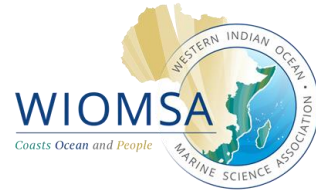




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## A virtual training event: The WIO Regional Benthic Imagery Workshop 30 August to 3 September 2021



- Following the training cruises of the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2) of 2017 and 2018, it was recognized that a better understanding of both shallow and deep-sea benthic invertebrate communities in the WIO is required
- Hosted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), and sponsored by WIOMSA through its Marine and Coastal Management Programme, the virtual training will focus on using remote underwater camera systems to better understand benthic invertebrate communities, and where applicable, simultaneously sampled fish assemblages
- In collaboration with Scifest Africa, and facilitators from the DFFE, Iziko South African Museum, the Nekton Foundation (UK), SAIAB, SAEON, UCT, SanParks, UKZN, ORI, the University of Comoros and the University of Dar es Salaam, sessions will cover: an overview of benthic ecosystems, data collection, sample design, data processing/analyses and data management
- Researchers/technicians/students from the WIO region interested in such research are invited to register by clicking on the link:

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