

INSTITUTE FOR COASTAL AND MARINE RESEARCH (CMR)
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**A Decade of Biodiversity
Management Plan for African
Penguins - Lessons Learnt**
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The African Penguin Biodiversity Management Plan gazetted in 2013, was the first Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for a marine species in South Africa. It was gazetted in 2013 to “halt the decline of the African penguin population (...)” within the five years of its implementation, by “establishing guidelines around various aspects of African penguin conservation and consolidating existing conservation work”. Many conservation actions were implemented or strengthened, with scientific monitoring, strong engagement took place across institutions. Despite these efforts, African Penguins numbers continued decreasing and the species is currently being considered for up-listing to “Critically Endangered” on the IUCN Red List. Reviewing the success and failures of this BMP allows to pave the way for successfully implementation stronger conservation actions for African penguins.

Professor Pichegru is currently an Adjunct Professor with the CMR. Her research focus is on seabird foraging ecology and life history traits in relation to prey availability and local competition with industrial fisheries. She is involved in marine waste initiatives and is active in public and community engagement. Professor Pichegru works closely with governmental institutions, NGOs and civic society to improve the conservation of these charismatic species.

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