

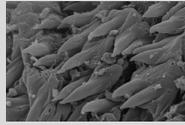
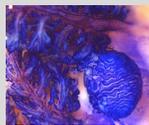
# Ascidians: Taxonomy, reproduction and invasion biology

Ascidians are one of the most notorious groups of alien marine species due to their high propensity to settle on artificial structures and to overgrow and smother native species. Ascidians are often detected in harbours and marinas, and reporting non-native ascidians at these sites is key for forecasting future biological invasions. However, identifying new arrivals is a challenge, as it requires detailed taxonomic knowledge.



*Ciona* species invading mussel farms in Saldanha Bay (South Africa)

Join us to learn more about this interesting group and gain an introduction to identifying common alien and native ascidians.



**What:** A three-day workshop lead by Dr Marc Rius (Centre for Advanced Studies of Blanes, CEAB - CSIC, Spain). This workshop will see you spending time in the field, laboratory and lecture room (10 contact hours).

**When:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2024

**Where:** Centre for Invasion Biology, Department of Botany & Zoology, Stellenbosch University

**Who:** Postgraduate students and researchers are encouraged to apply.



*Pyura* (redbait) species invasive in Antofasta Bay (Chile)

Complete your online application [here](#) before the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Successful applicants will be contacted by the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

Find out more about Marc's research [here](#).

Note: Funding has kindly provided by the Areces foundation and logistic support comes from the Spanish Embassy / Consulate and the Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa, with facilities provided by Stellenbosch University. As such, there is no cost for attending this workshop, but attendees are responsible for organizing their own transport, accommodation and food.