

SANCOR 2025



**SOUTH AFRICAN NETWORK FOR
COASTAL AND OCEANIC RESEARCH**

What is SANCOR?

- ▣ To co-ordinate, facilitate, stimulate and review marine and coastal environment research in South Africa, to promote wise and informed management of the use of the marine and coastal environments.



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RISA
Research and Innovation
Support and Advancement

SANCOR Community
(marine and coastal scientists, engineers, technologists, institutions, policy-makers and administrators)

Network of over 1800 individuals and many organisations

SANCOR Forum

SANCOR Steering Committee

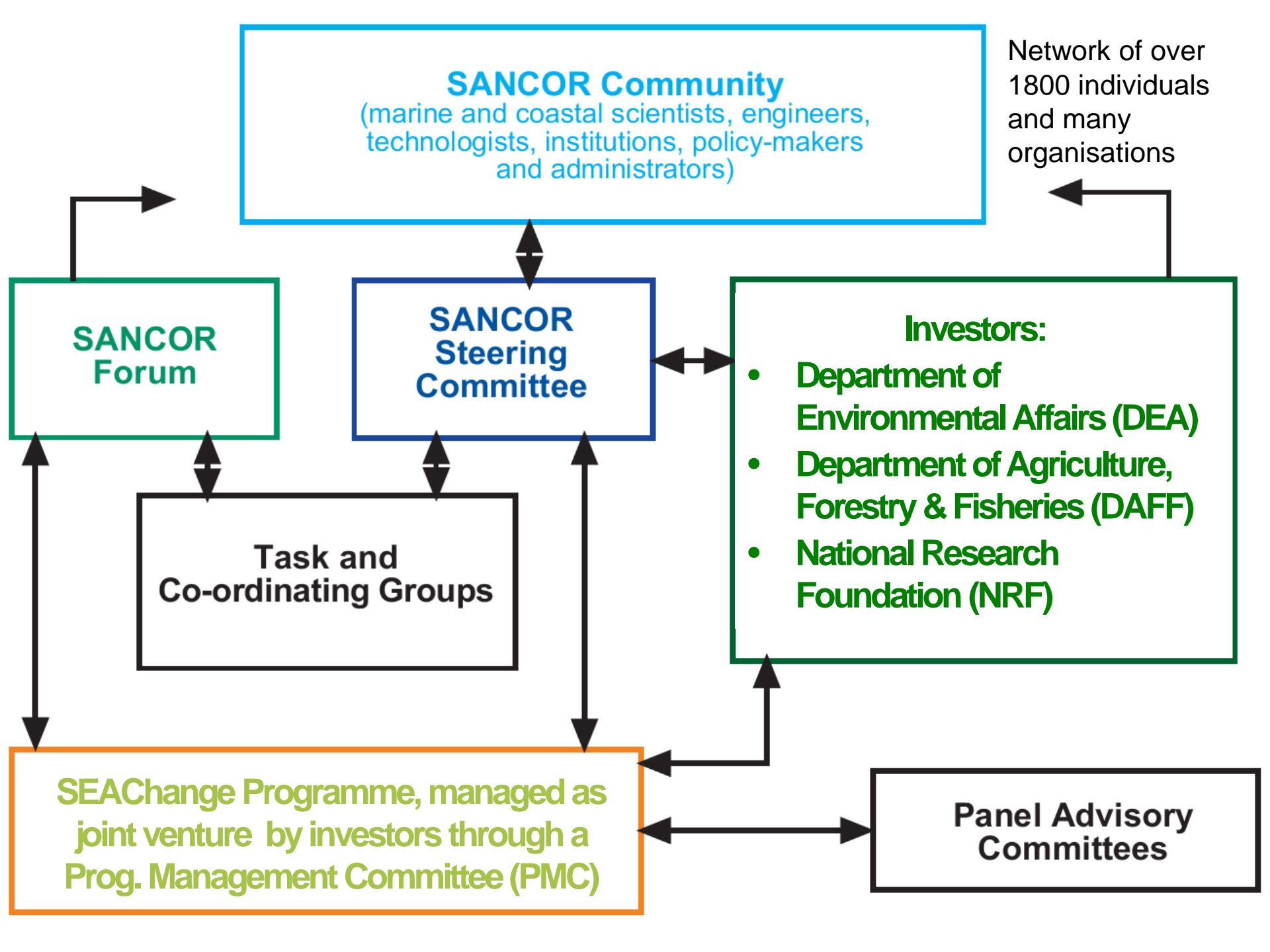
Investors:

- Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (DAFF)
- National Research Foundation (NRF)

Task and Co-ordinating Groups

SEACChange Programme, managed as joint venture by investors through a Prog. Management Committee (PMC)

Panel Advisory Committees



Stated goals

- ★ Promoting internationally competitive research as the basis for a knowledge economy;
- ★ Developing an active network of coastal and marine scientists in South Africa;
- ★ Growing a representative science and technology workforce in South Africa;
- ★ Contributing to a vibrant national innovation system

How does SANCOR achieve its goals?

- Steering Committee & Forum
- Task Teams
- MCEN Co-ordinating Group
- Triennial Southern African Marine Science Symposium (1980)
- Student Workshops
- Seminar series (UCT - 1978)
- Awards – Gilchrist, Derek Krige, Communicator, Emerging Scientist (2014), Travel Grant,
- Postdoctoral Fellowship (2015)
- SeaChange Funding Call
- Active networking – mailing list, social networking etc

But....

- ▣ the South African political, environmental, social and economic context has shifted to what we experience as the current reality of 2016

Shifting demands for research in the coastal and marine environment:

- National Development Plan
- Operation Phakisa and the growth of the Oceans Economy,
- Marine and Antarctic Research Strategy
- etc

A Relevant and Effective SANCOR - the next 10 years



Way Forward

- ▣ With agreement from the SANCOR Forum, the NRF, DEA and DAFF, that SANCOR reconstitutes with a specific emphasis on the current and future reality of South Africa.
- ▣ SANCOR develops a business plan in support of MARS, Operation Phakisa, the National Development Plan and other related initiatives and policies.
- ▣ While the SANCOR business plan will be in support of national initiatives, it will also consider other opportunities and initiatives, both national and international.

Keeping the best of SANCOR, planning for better!

Strategic Objectives

In its reconstitution, SANCOR will priorities three strategic objectives:

- ▣ Authentic human capital development and transformation;
- ▣ Knowledge generation and the development of research capability relevant to the SA society
- ▣ Excellence in networking, coordination, public awareness and education
- ▣ Greater success in adopting inter- & trans-disciplinary research

Next steps (12 mo)

- ▣ SANCOR SC is in agreement to initiate the process
- ▣ Communicating with SANCOR community, request input
- ▣ Initiate discussions with DST, DEA, DAFF, NRF and others
- ▣ Develop a stakeholder process and request participation
- ▣ Develop a concept around the strategic objectives
- ▣ Stakeholder engagement

What can you do?

- ▣ Participate, volunteer, contribute
- ▣ Tell us what you need
- ▣ Be creative, be critical, find solutions
- ▣ Find your passion