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Support for Algoa bay to be proclaimed “A Whale heritage site”

Karen Keaton
Raggy Charters,

Dear Karen,

Thank you for the opportunity for us to voice our strong support for the move to proclaim Algoa Bay “A Whale Heritage site”. I have no doubt that this status will be well deserved.

Over a number of years we have had the pleasure of taking our many guests out on the Raggy charters boats in our search for the Great Whales that seasonally visit us in Algoa bay. There are many other species to be seen, not only the Southern right and Humpback whales that are so highly sought after by our foreign and local tourist alike but a much wider diversity of cetaceans that make use of the bay either while on their north / south migration or as transient whales and dolphins or permanent resident in and around the bay.

The Bay was recently named the Bottlenose Dolphin capital of the world, which speaks volumes for the numbers of these energetic, entertaining dolphins that use the waters of Algoa Bay.

We have had hundreds of satisfied guests who have been enthralled and entertained by the relaxed antics of the seasonal Humpback and to a lesser degree the Southern Right whales that use the temperate waters of Algoa Bay to nurture and teach their calves about life in the open ocean and prepare them for their long migration into the Southern ocean and to the waters surrounding Antarctica itself, Algoa Bay and the surrounding waters are an essential and integral stop over for the early development of these calves on their life journey.

During earlier times, before the dark days of commercial whaling in these waters, the early Khoikhoi, the first permanent human inhabitants on these shores, at times relied on beached whales, not only for their valuable blubber or fat, they also used the flesh of these beached whales to supplement their diet and the

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huge bones from the skeletons left on the shore by the passing of a whale would be used to form sturdy, durable frames for their temporary homes during their seasonal foraging excursions along the shores of Algoa bay.

The presence of ancient Fish traps at Cape Recife and undoubtedly at other shallow, rocky shores around the bay bear testimony not only to the presence of the early Khoikhoi on this coastline but also to the extent that they relied on the waters of Algoa bay to support themselves at the coast.

The proclamation of Algoa bay as "A Whale Heritage Site" would in essence be a long lasting tribute to the whales of the world and of mankind being able to live side by side with these great, peaceful creatures to enjoy their presence and learn in harmony with these magnificent creatures in a non consumptive and destructive way, the way it was before the balance was so terribly upset.

It is for the above reasons that we would strongly support the proclamation of Algoa bay as "A Whale Heritage site"

Kind regards,
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