

Cetaceans conservation

Q70 List any current threats relevant to primary cetacean habitat.

Shipping and oil and gas exploration noise
Ship strikes
Marine waste

Q71 List any local or national regulations, programmes, or projects that are working to address these threats, including those carried out by government, research institutes, universities, or NGOs.

WILDOCEANS, Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBRE), EZEMVELO. Please refer to WILDOCEANS Reflections_2018 Document attached.

Q72 Provide a summary of your current or proposed action plan to address these threats.

Please refer to WILDOCEANS Blue Port project Q2 - Document attached.

Q73 Which of the following measures are being undertaken at the proposed site?

Initiatives to maintain or improve biodiversity, both marine and terrestrial.

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Implementation of measures to reduce plastics, discarded fishing gear and other solid waste entering waterways.

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Provision of sustainability training for local tourism businesses.

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Q78 4.1 Companies and organisations involved with cetacean interactions incorporate conservation-directed science and research programmes. Do you wish to meet the requirements of criterion 4.1?

Yes

Q79 Which of the following conservation-directed science and research programmes are currently implemented by companies and organisations involved with cetaceans?

Citizen science initiatives ,

Collaborative long-term data gathering projects run by whale watch tour operators in collaboration with each other and in association with academic institutions or NGOs

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Opportunities for researchers aboard whale watch boats through internship programmes

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Ongoing independent conservation-research delivered by a number of stakeholders, including NGOs, academic institutions, and government bodies

Q81 4.2 Conservation-based cetacean research and policy is showcased within the site. Do you wish to meet the requirements of criterion 4.2?

Yes

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Q82 Does the proposed site showcase any conservation-based research and policy? Please select from the following list:

Peer reviewed journal publications

Non-scientific articles, television or radio interviews

Display information prominently placed in visitor centres, museums, and other visitor attractions

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School visits,

Scientific conferences and meetings