

## NEWS

# The Bluff strives to be world's first Whale Heritage Site

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Candidate Whale Heritage Site **The Bluff**, Durban, South Africa, have set a target of June 2019 to finalize their WHS application and welcome on-site auditors as they progress towards WHS accreditation. Enhancing the site with creative and original initiatives, the management team have made fantastic progress towards developing ocean literacy initiatives and sustainable practices since they achieved Candidate Site status in 2017.

On the 24th October the Department of Environmental Affairs of the South African Government announced the approval of a network of 20 new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) that are representative of South Africa's rich coastal and ocean biodiversity. This will increase protection of the ocean around South Africa from 0.4 to 5%.

Two of the 20 MPAs are situated within the territory of KwaZulu Natal province in which The Bluff Whale Heritage Site (<https://sodurba.co.za/2016/09/01/whaling-station/>) is located. This is massive news and a huge win for the marine environment!



(<http://whaleheritagesites.org/the-bluff-strives-to-be-worlds-first-whale-heritage-site/>)

Watch the Marine Protected Areas video below!

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