



Nolwandle Project

What?

Dyer Island Cruises (DIC), Marine Dynamics (MD) and the Dyer Island Conservation Trust (DICT) initiated the Nolwandle Project as part of our ongoing commitment to responsible tourism, giving consideration to the social, economic and environmental impact of the operation, therefore spreading the benefits that tourism can bring. Twenty four ladies from the local community are trained in the making of various crafts that will be on sale to the thousands of tourists that come to Gansbaai for whale and shark watching.



Funding

The project was established in March 2006 by **Dyer Island Cruises** and **Marine Dynamics** with initial funding provided by the **British High Commission (BHC)**. The **Overstrand Municipality** granted the use of an area around the taxi rank in Mashakane township and donated an unused warehouse building to house the project.

DIC, MD, DICT and the **Grootbos Foundation** contributed additional funds for the initial manufacture of elementary crafts. The BHC funding was utilised to provide a weekly remuneration to all trainees while undergoing formal instruction.



Training

In order to facilitate training, we applied for a skills development grant from the **Department of Labour**. The finance was provided to cover a six-month start-up period, and **Motsoho Training** appointed as the official training body. The formal training programme commenced in October 2006.

