



Clean-Marine

What are we doing?

The increase in shipping and coastal usage has resulted in a huge increase of marine litter and the associated threats to marine animals. **Clean-Marine** was established to counter this tragedy. The Overstrand coastline is being used as the pilot project to be implemented along the entire South African coastline.

- Developing educational material for school children, fishermen, ski-boat clubs etc.
- Collecting litter at sea and from fishing vessels by the provisioning of specially designed bins.
- Regular coastal clean-up campaigns. Statistical analysis of litter collected in order to establish the source of such litter and make the necessary intervention. (Clean-Marine Beachcombers)

Clean-Marine project mascot:
A cormorant killed by fishing line



Why?

Litter such as plastics, rope, fishing line, netting, hooks, strapping bands and other debris not only cause damage to craft, equipment and the marine environment, but also results in entanglement, drowning, starvation, injuries and the death of sea life.

In South African waters, many species (birds, fish, turtles and mammals) listed in the Red Data Book suffer and die from eating marine litter.

Mount Pleasant Primary scholars
with their loot at Onrus



Who?

- Dyer Island Conservation Trust
- Dyer Island Cruises
- Marine Dynamics
- Overstrand Municipality
- BirdLife Overberg
- BirdLife South Africa
- CapeNature



African Penguin
entangled in discarded
fishing line



Plastic bags in the
water look like
jellyfish, and are
swallowed by
dolphins



Cape Fur Seal ensnared in plastic

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