



PhD Students

Azwianewi Makhado

Newi joined the Animal Demography Unit at the University of Cape Town on a joint project with Marine and Coastal Management for a PhD study on the *investigation of the impact of fur seals on the conservation status of seabirds at the Prince Edward Islands and off western South Africa*. The study aims to address the extent of predation on seabirds by an ever-increasing population of seals in the southern Indian Ocean.



Lauren Waller

Lauren is registered as a part-time PhD student at the Animal Demography Unit, looking at *the impacts of disturbance on the breeding birds of Dyer Island, and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts*. She is involved in the FACES OF NEED project, as well as monitoring and managing Avian Cholera outbreaks amongst the cormorants on the island. She is also very active with the **Dyer Island Conservation Trust** initiatives.

Isabelle Dupre

Isabelle is investigating the *social structure, population and seasonal habitat utilisation of Humpback Dolphins (Soasa chinensis) in the Greater Dyer Island Area*. So far she has identified and named 35 individual dolphins, using photo-identification techniques.

She is working with the Biosociology Laboratory at University of Paris 5.



Our involvement

The **Dyer Island Conservation Trust**, **Dyer Island Cruises** and **Marine Dynamics** provide logistical support, boat trips and research information for these students.

