CELEBRATE WORLD OCEANS DAY WITH SAIAB AND ASCLME

The Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystems Project (ASCLME) in affiliation with the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB) brings the celebration of World Oceans Day to Grahamstown.

ASCLME Project Director, Dr David Vousden will introduce a film entitled “Rivers of Life, Oceans of Plenty” that showcases the work of the ASCLME Project. The video describes the unique marine and coastal ecosystems of the western Indian Ocean and documents the ways in which they are changing. It shows how over-fishing, the destruction of critical habitats such as coastal forests, mangrove forests, seagrass beds and coral reefs and global climate change are leading to a decline in the abundance of resources and what can be done to reverse this trend.

WHEN: 10:30 for 10:45 am Tuesday, 8 June
WHERE: SAIAB lecture room
WHY: We can help make others more aware of the importance of the world’s ocean in their daily lives by showing them ways to improve their impact on the ocean by, for example, reducing CO₂ emissions. In joining with thousands of people all over the world in celebrating World Oceans Day, we can make a real difference for our oceans of life.

Wear BLUE—any shade of BLUE on Tuesday 8th June to show your appreciation of the ocean and the life it inhabits.