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OCEANS RESEARCH AND SHARKLIFE



Oceans Research is now accepting applications to join our 2010 internship-training program. Join committed teams of scientists researching the marine predators and mega fauna of Southern Africa. As an intern you will actively participate in a diverse array of modern marine research techniques.

Oceans Research has established a strategic network of marine research laboratories spanning the major marine biomes of Southern Africa. Oceans Research offers you stunning locations stretching from the warm tropical waters of central Mozambique to the wildly magnificent temperate waters of Namibia:

Skeleton Coast Marine Lab, Namibia (cool temperate)

Research focuses on cetacean species including the heaviside dolphin, bottlenose dolphins and humpback whale. Here you will train in cetacean photographic identification, use of visual surveys, moored hydrophones and acoustic recorders, and collection of skin and blubber samples from resident cetaceans. (In partnership with the University of Pretoria)

Mossel Bay Marine Lab, South Africa (warm temperate)

Research focuses on the great white shark, Cape fur seals and local cetacean species. Training activities include photographic identification, acoustic telemetry techniques, genetic and stable isotope sampling, bite force dynamics, and profiling predator – prey interactions. (In partnership with the University of Pretoria and Rhodes University)



Ponta Marine Lab, Mozambique (sub tropical)*

Research focuses on the life history of bull and whale sharks. You will investigate patterns of habitat use, population composition and abundance through underwater photographic identification, acoustic telemetry, and conducting reef, fish, and oceanographic surveys. Between July and November, research also extends to humpback whale sampling and identification projects. (In partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University, Sharklife conservation NGO & Ponta Mamoli Resort)

Zavora Marine Lab, Mozambique (tropical)*

Current research focuses on assessing diver impact on manta ray cleaning stations. Training activities include underwater diver and reef surveys, and underwater photographic identification of manta rays. (In partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University and Mozdivers – Zavora)

* Requires accredited SCUBA qualification

To join one of the most challenging, rewarding and exciting training opportunities offered to aspiring researchers- apply now to Oceans Research internship program. For application information, please contact

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