

Annual Report 2014



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Message from the Chairperson

Ms Mariette Hopley

I am humbled and grateful to have the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the SANCCOB Board of Directors. I would like to thank Michael Edmunds, the outgoing Chairman, for his dedication, leadership and guidance over the last six years.

Many times, a reference to SANCCOB will bring to mind the fondest of memories and thoughts of an extraordinary person, the SANCCOB founder, Althea Westphal, who was a friend, a confidant and a colleague. Today I salute the history of her work, for making her dream a reality by bringing into our lives this wonderful organisation and sanctuary for marine bird rehabilitation and for fulfilling her quest to conserve, in particular, the endangered African penguin. I am honoured and proud to be associated with such a phenomenal, world-renowned organisation, its employees, international business networks and volunteers.

Working with the SANCCOB team members over the past 24 years has given me a clear understanding of the loyalty, commitment and hard work that is needed in every sphere and department on a daily basis. I firmly believe that SANCCOB is the success it is today because of the dedicated teamwork and the shared vision of each individual.

I was recently invited to participate in the SANCCOB strategic work session, which was a clear indication that the organisation is positioning and placing itself on the right road for its future. Positive working alliances with like-minded organisations and fundraisers across the globe have recently, under the guidance of our newly appointed Executive Director, Dr Stephen van der Spuy, been networked, rekindled and officially forged.

The board and I are looking forward to actively participating and supporting the current SANCCOB team to reach their goals and objectives within the given strategic guidelines set for the next five years. I firmly believe that our shared vision, passion for the work we do and team spirit will drive the organisation to even greater accomplishments and heights.

Ms Mariette Hopley

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mariette Hopley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Message from the Executive Director

Dr Stephen van der Spuy

I am fortunate to be working alongside a team of dedicated staff, interns and volunteers who work tirelessly to save our seabirds and to have the valuable guidance of the Board of Directors. It is with great pleasure that I share the 2014 annual report of the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds.



I would like to sincerely thank our many donors and supporters both locally and internationally, who enable us to make a difference for seabirds. Without your continued dedication to SANCCOB, our important conservation and rehabilitation work would not be possible.

Funding of SANCCOB's programmes and projects, including the daily rehabilitation of large numbers of seabirds, African penguin bolstering through rearing of hundreds of chicks, oiled wildlife preparedness and response, education and awareness, African penguin colony support, training and research remains a constant challenge. Shifting towards a more sustainable funding model will be the focus of the organisation going forward.

Our partnerships with the Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts, CapeNature, SANParks, Robben Island Museum and the City of Cape Town are strong and supportive. We greatly value our combined conservation initiatives and look forward to expanding these partnerships, as together we can achieve so much more.

SANCCOB's rehabilitation facilities in Cape Town in the Western Cape and Cape St. Francis in the Eastern Cape are both running efficiently and providing professional care to the seabirds that are admitted. The ageing infrastructure at the facility in Cape Town remains a challenge, but there is hope in sight of being able to build a new facility. We hope that our regular and new funders will see this as a project they would like to support.

A huge thank you goes to our Board of Directors, who selflessly give their time and expertise to guide SANCCOB into the future. On behalf of all the SANCCOB staff we would like to thank Adv. Michael Edmunds, who recently retired as Chairman of the Board, for his caring manner, expert guidance and dedication that he gave to SANCCOB over the past six years. Fortunately Adv. Edmunds has decided to remain on the Board as a director, ensuring continuity for SANCCOB. We are fortunate to have Ms Mariette Hopley as our new Chairperson. Ms Hopley has decades of experience with oiled wildlife preparedness and response and is internationally recognised for her work. Ms Hopley has assisted SANCCOB with many projects over the years and has always had a soft spot for SANCCOB. We look forward to working together.

We will be focusing on the development and implementation of our strategy for the next five years, which will include a 20-year, long-term vision. With the increasing need for SANCCOB to expand its operations due to increased requirements and requests in South Africa and beyond our borders, our strategy needs to enable us to react promptly and seamlessly.

Thank you once again to all of our supporters. We greatly appreciate you.

Dr Stephen van der Spuy (BVSc)



In memory of Wilna Wilkinson

It was with great sadness that the SANCCOB team and the conservation community bid farewell to Wilna Wilkinson, SANCCOB's Eastern Cape Rehabilitation Manager. Wilna tragically passed away in a car accident on Tuesday, 29 July 2014. She was a beloved member of the SANCCOB team, a brilliant advocate for penguins and the ocean, and a special friend to many people she met during her travels.

In honour of Wilna, the SANCCOB team hosted a public beach release of rehabilitated Cape gannets. She has been posthumously given an award of excellence by SANCCOB, acknowledging her contribution to seabird conservation.



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Rehabilitation

More than 2,000 African penguins and flying seabirds were admitted to the Table View facility during 2014. SANCCOB is proud to have released 75% of the African penguins that were admitted to its Cape Town centre back into the wild.

During the period under review, the SANCCOB centre at Cape St. Francis (Eastern Cape) treated more than 300 endangered African penguins and other seabirds. More than half of the birds admitted were penguins from St Croix and Bird islands.

The field of seabird rehabilitation is mostly reactive, such as when there is an oil spill or other crisis situations, which require the staff and volunteers of the organisation to be well trained and have sophisticated systems in place to ensure that the best possible care is delivered to the centre's patients. In recent years, SANCCOB has focused its efforts on proactive solutions aimed at safeguarding seabirds; this is achieved by forming close partnerships with conservation authorities, providing training to the colony staff working on the ground and active participation in the African Penguin Biodiversity Management Plan.

Seabirds admitted in 2014	Table View (Western Cape)	Cape St. Francis (Eastern Cape)
African penguin	1,161	277
Cape cormorant	174	32
Bank cormorant	3	
Crowned cormorant	20	
White breasted cormorant	11	4
Reed cormorant	4	1
Cape gannet	77	22
Hartlaub's gull	327	
Kelp gull	150	5
Swift tern	137	
Sandwich tern		1
Caspian tern	1	
Common tern	58	1
White pelican	6	
African black oystercatcher	3	
Southern giant petrel	2	
Northern giant petrel	2	
White-chin petrel	1	1
European storm petrel	1	
Sub Antarctic skua		1
Little shearwater		1
Cory's shearwater	1	
Darter	3	
TOTALS	2,142	346
COMBINED TOTAL	2,488	





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Chick Rearing Unit and Nursery

Every year, SANCCOB admits between 800 and 900 abandoned African penguin chicks and eggs for rehabilitation and release back into the wild. In July 2014, SANCCOB opened a fully operational penguin chick Nursery to facilitate the large volume of African penguins that are hand reared in the Chick Rearing Unit. The extra capacity enables SANCCOB to separate the older penguin chicks from the very young chicks to ensure that their husbandry needs are fully catered for in preparation for release back into the wild. The Nursery has also created the much-needed additional space to cater for the ever-increasing requirement for wild eggs to be hatched and chicks to be reared. The Chick Rearing Unit has also been upgraded with critical care equipment to facilitate the rearing of the fragile hatchlings.

Since 2006, in collaboration with SANParks and CapeNature, these abandoned penguin chicks and eggs have been brought from the colonies into SANCCOB's care. Every year between October and January, hundreds of African penguin chicks are abandoned by their parents when they start their annual moult. During this time, the parents replace their old, worn-out feathers with a brand new set of waterproof feathers and are unable to hunt for fish and feed their young during the three to four week moulting period. As a result, the chicks that have yet to fledge face starvation unless SANCCOB and its conservation partners intervene.

Rescuing abandoned chicks has become an annual conservation intervention and forms an integral part of the Chick Bolstering Project. Project partners include the Bristol Zoological Society, the Animal Demography Unit (University of Cape Town), South African Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts, CapeNature, Robben Island Museum and SANParks.

A total of 877 chicks were admitted in 2014. A large proportion of these chicks were abandoned by moulting parents and removed from the Stony Point colony at Betty's Bay, and brought to SANCCOB for hand-rearing. An additional 134 chicks and 123 eggs were rescued by SANParks as a precautionary measure from areas where they were at risk from speeding motor vehicles or residents' pets in and around Simon's Town.

Over the years, various research projects have investigated the success of this programme and it has been established that the survival rate to adulthood for these hand-reared penguins is similar to that of naturally-reared birds. Overall, 82% of the chicks were released back into the wild; and with less than 2% of the original wild population remaining, the hand-rearing of ill and abandoned chicks is seen as a crucial conservation project to help bolster this ailing wild population.





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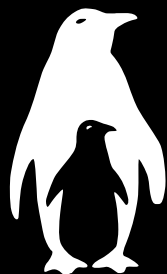
Burgher's Walk Restoration Project: a project with co-existence at heart

Every year, in excess of 650,000 tourists from around the world are charmed by the wild African penguins that breed within the borders of the Boulders Beach colony in Simon's Town. Apart from commercial over-fishing, pollution and predation, habitat degradation remains a constant threat to the endangered African penguin species. Initiated by SANParks, the City of Cape Town and SANCCOB in 2011, the Burgher's Walk Project is a place where penguins and people successfully co-exist.

Approximately 3,069 penguins are found in the Simon's Town/Boulders area (2014 count), of which 52% live inside the colony. Under the protection of SANParks, the penguin colony is about 2.5 hectares in size and situated in a popular residential area. Right next door at Burgher's Walk, a group of penguins were breeding on unprotected public land managed by the City of Cape Town. Until recently, the area was open to large groups of tourists who had unrestricted access to the area. The marked increase in visitor numbers resulted in penguin nests being trampled, penguins being disturbed year-round and an increase in soil erosion. Penguins were also at risk of being attacked by domestic animals and possibly being run over by speeding vehicles along the road above the colony.

Since the project's inception, a low-impact, environmentally friendly boardwalk, as well as rehabilitation fencing, have been constructed and the natural vegetation of the area has been restored. Four penguin monitors have also been employed to oversee the penguins and implement the restoration projects. Penguin monitors, most of whom are from previously disadvantaged areas, undergo a two-week seabird handling and stabilisation course at SANCCOB, in addition to the regular ranger training offered by SANParks. These penguin protectors perform key conservation-specific tasks within Burgher's Walk, which include rescuing penguins at risk and transporting them to SANCCOB for rehabilitation, maintaining penguin-proof barriers, collecting penguin data and cultivating the natural vegetation. Given the large number of visitors to the area, they also perform a valuable environmental awareness function by providing visitors with relevant penguin information, explaining the sensitive nature of the area and redirecting tour groups to the visitor-friendly Boulders Beach recreational area.

The Burgher's Walk Project has proved to be a valuable project for African penguin conservation. The penguin monitors perform a vital conservation role in managing one of South Africa's main African penguin colonies and are instrumental in admitting ill, injured, abandoned and oiled penguins to SANCCOB for rehabilitation.



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Research

Overview

The main focus of research in 2014 was on the health and pathology of seabirds. This helps establish baseline normal values of disease exposure and highlights the potential for the spread of disease within seabird colonies. Rehabilitation centres often provide the first detection point for disease or condition within a population and therefore perform a passive disease surveillance function. SANCCOB has the resources to detect a pathogen, send samples for laboratory confirmation and to communicate with conservation authorities about the risks involved.

Another important part of the research undertaken at SANCCOB is to strive to improve rehabilitation techniques used within the organisation, through testing different techniques and veterinary diagnostics, and also investigating captivity-related disorders. The objective of this is to enhance the level of care offered to seabirds undergoing rehabilitation, and to increase the number and level of fitness of birds being released.

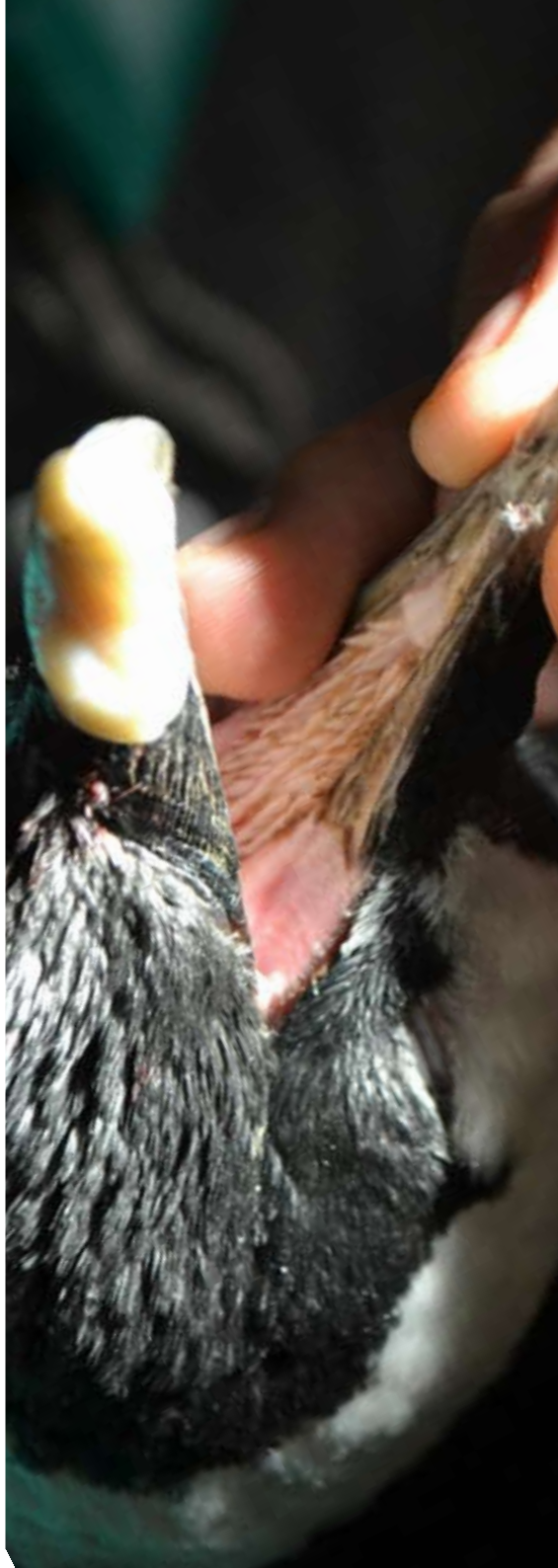
Transponder project

In 2013, a pilot project was conducted to assess the loss rate of the silicone bands, used as permanent identification on African penguins, using passive integrated transponders. The study revealed that band loss rates were untenable and that the transponders were a more valuable marking method. Therefore, 2014 was the first of a five-year project using transponders for the permanent marking of African penguins. Transponders were injected into 37 adults and 30 fledglings at the Stony Point colony, 25 adults and 38 fledglings at the Robben Island colony and a total of 455 chicks that had been hand-reared at SANCCOB and released back into the wild. The chicks originated from Stony Point, Boulders, Dassen Island, Dyer Island and Robben Island and were released at the Stony Point and Boulders colonies. Marked individuals, particularly known age birds, are vital to determining values for important demographic processes, such as rates of immigration and emigration to colonies, productivity and survival of adults and fledglings. This, in turn, allows researchers to determine the potential drivers of population change at local (colony) and regional (South Africa) levels.





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Veterinary developments

The Veterinary Department was privileged to receive much-needed surgical and medical equipment from SANCCOB's donors. This equipment allows SANCCOB to perform most procedures in-house, giving the expanding veterinary team the necessary tools to work with.

More advanced diagnostic techniques have also been employed, allowing the team to pinpoint the medical issue and treat it efficiently and effectively.

Of particular interest during the period under review, the veterinarians spent a large amount of time investigating the respiratory infections facing the African penguin. Unlike mammals, birds' respiratory systems are comprised of airsacs as well as lungs. These airsacs and lungs are susceptible to infection – particularly in African penguin chicks that are malnourished. The organisation typically admits hundreds of chicks every year, some of which are suffering from respiratory disease. By analysing samples from previous penguin patients, the responsible fungal and common bacterial agents were isolated. This knowledge has enabled the veterinary team to establish specific treatment protocols. The sum of this investigative work culminated in a *Vet News* article written by the SANCCOB team in December 2014.

In addition, the veterinary department saw a variety of interesting cases in 2014, with some offering more of a challenge than others. The team has been particularly successful at treating wounds that require surgery. During the winter months, when the weather worsens, the stormy conditions often cause casualties like leg fractures. In 2014, the team continued to develop its fracture repair approach and consequently several Cape cormorants and African penguins underwent fracture repair, along with extensive rehabilitation processes, and were finally released back into the wild.



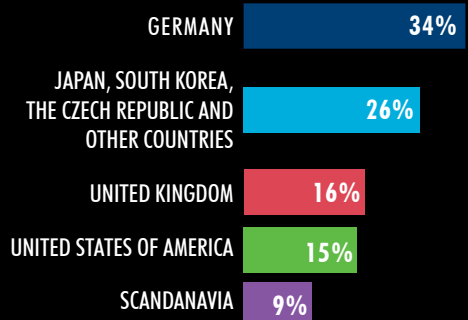


Volunteers and training

Volunteers

In 2014, SANCCOB welcomed a total of 110 international volunteers who came for a unique hands-on opportunity to work in a seabird rehabilitation centre. The majority of the volunteers originated from Germany, the United Kingdom, United States of America and Scandinavia while other countries included Japan, South Korea and the Czech Republic. In total, the volunteers contributed 80% of SANCCOB's workforce and conducted more than 26,000 hours of much-needed conservation work.

International Volunteer Home Countries



The dedicated local volunteers continued to provide an invaluable service to the centres and SANCCOB managed to grow the volunteer base with a few new regular volunteers. Three of the local volunteers also form part of the organisation's training team. They support the staff to ensure that every new volunteer and intern receives dedicated attention to assist them in learning the inner workings of the rehabilitation programme. These local volunteer trainers assist the staff four days per week. SANCCOB Eastern Cape also relies heavily on local volunteers, with two volunteers assisting the rehabilitation team on a daily basis.

Keeper Exchange Programme

SANCCOB has enjoyed tremendous support from zoos and aquariums worldwide since the devastating *MV Treasure* oil spill in 2000. SANCCOB has since welcomed many penguin keepers, veterinarians, animal trainers, bird curators, penguin biologists, aviculturists, aquarists and education officers from a variety of zoos, aquariums and bird parks from around the world.

This year was no different and SANCCOB welcomed nine zookeepers to its Cape Town centre, each for a two-week period. These keepers came from Living Coast (England), Rease Health College (England), the California Academy of Science (United States of America), Mystic Aquarium (United States of America) and Shedd Aquarium (United States of America). With many of the zoo-keepers having extensive experience in animal husbandry, the programme offers them a valuable opportunity to hone their skills and learn more about caring for sick, injured, oiled and abandoned seabirds.

The majority of the keepers visit SANCCOB between October and January during the busy chick season, when large numbers of abandoned African penguin chicks are admitted to the centre as a result of their parents moulting.

Interns

Interest in SANCCOB's internships has grown due to the fact that it is such a special opportunity to gain access to the conservation field. Each intern receives a mentor during their time at SANCCOB, along with a detailed training plan and monthly meetings to track their progress. Currently SANCCOB offers six different types of internships. Some of these relate to research, education and seabird rehabilitation. The chick rearing internship is extremely popular, and sees some interns and volunteers extending their time to learn the specialised skill of chick rearing. During the period under review, 13 new interns received training in the field of rearing seabird chicks. The seabird rehabilitation internship trained two local and six international interns in all aspects of seabird rehabilitation. Three interns also assisted the team in Cape St. Francis during peak periods like chick season.

In 2014, SANCCOB served as a host institution for interns from the National Research Foundation (NRF) for the fourth year in a row. SANCCOB is proud to report that all five interns from 2014 are employed, with three of them having remained in the conservation sector. Having the NRF interns as an extension of the staff adds much-needed capacity to the organisation, while, at the same time providing the interns with valuable workplace experience.

In 2014, SANCCOB also became a partner in the *Groen Sebenza* programme, a major skills development and job creation programme. Four interns will be with SANCCOB until December 2015 and it has been a very rewarding experience to see these interns develop in their specialities.





Photograph by Nic Bothma

Penguins get a boost at Cape St. Francis training camp

On 27 and 28 January 2014, SANCCOB Eastern Cape hosted a seabird training workshop for seven rangers from SANParks' Marine Section of the Addo Elephant National Park. The rangers who attended the workshop are responsible for managing St. Croix and Bird islands, where almost 60% of the SA population of wild African penguins occur. The workshop gave SANCCOB and the rangers an opportunity to share their experiences and knowledge, and to streamline the standard operating procedures to ensure that the rescued seabirds have the best possible chance of survival.



Education

The focus of SANCCOB's Education Department is to create awareness and compassion for African penguins as well as other seabirds. Working with all ages but focusing projects on reaching out to children in their early formative years, SANCCOB hopes to inspire them to love seabirds and to adopt good habits which can be built on as they mature into childhood.

Teaching children to love the ocean

In 2014, SANCCOB was fortunate to receive funding towards one of its education initiatives with four previously disadvantaged, early childhood development centres in the Western Cape. Through a unique 12-month programme, students learn about healthy cleaning habits, the different types of pollution, how to recycle and how to take care of their environment.

During one of the beach clean-ups, Tom, the giant Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon penguin mascot, led a 'colony' of 53 pre-schoolers from Open Day Care (Vrygrond) on 30 October 2014 at Muizenberg beach. Due to the success of the programme, it has been extended in 2015 and continues to inspire learners through environmental education initiatives.

An EduXperience of a lifetime

Through a generous sponsorship, SANCCOB's EduXperience programmes provided five schools with the opportunity to bring 80 learners each over two visits to the SANCCOB facility in Cape Town. The learners were given the rare opportunity to see how an animal hospital functions and were involved in lessons about the marine environment. With the help of SANCCOB's ambassador penguins, learners were also taught how to identify different types of seabirds in the wild. The programme reaches out to the poorest regions of Cape Town and gives learners who have never even seen a penguin before a chance to have an once-in-a-lifetime EduXperience.





“SANCCOB’s education programmes focus on creating awareness about African penguins and other seabirds.”



Teacher Training Programme, working with learners with special needs

SANCCOB recognises the importance of making its environmental programmes accessible to learners with special needs and to help them acquire practical skills in the classroom. During 2014, SANCCOB hosted a number of Science Educators Training Workshops for teachers working with learners with special needs. The focus of the programme was to equip and inspire the teachers to create lessons that encourage children with special needs to develop a positive relationship with the natural environment and encourage them to pursue a science-related career path.

The programme included various teachers' training workshops facilitated by SANCCOB and a special visit for each school to SANCCOB's seabird centre in Table View, Cape Town. Each of the participating schools also received a Science Educators Resource Pack, which included curriculum-aligned material and practical teaching tools specifically designed to enable teachers to do a wide variety of scientific investigations and ultimately allow them to teach more efficiently, to the benefit of the learners.

This grant has been extended and from 2015 to 2017, SANCCOB will be working with five Western Cape schools for learners with special needs each year.

Creating awareness and education in the Eastern Cape

SANCCOB Eastern Cape's education programmes focus on creating awareness about African penguins and other seabirds and educating the general public (children and adults) about how to preserve the natural and marine environment. As part of the *Walk along the Wild Side* Schools Programme, which educates learners about marine ecosystems, SANCCOB Eastern Cape hosted a number of school groups of all ages from previously disadvantaged areas.

In addition, the centre's education team presented several marine conservation talks throughout the year, including a talk at the Billabong Juniors Pro at Seal Point, Cape St Francis. They also ran a number of beach clean-ups and raised awareness during regular public penguin releases in the Eastern Cape. Public penguin releases for World Penguin Day (25 April), World Oceans Day (8 June) and African Penguin Awareness Day (11 October) were especially well-attended in the Eastern Cape.





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Awareness and events

Star-studded benefit auction

SANCCOB's popular annual benefit auction was held on 15 October 2014 at the Commodore Hotel at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, in partnership with SANParks and ARG Design. Local comedian, Nik Rabinowitz's special brand of humour had the 120 guests laughing all the way towards raising funds for SANCCOB. Auction items included a cricket bat signed by cricket legend, Jacques Kallis, a signed Stormers rugby jersey, unique getaway experiences, a photo shoot with SANCCOB's very own ambassador penguin and SANCCOB's limited edition wine. Celebrity guests included Lindsey Muckle (winner of Strictly Come Dancing SA Season 4), Graeme Richards (local TV personality) and Michaela Strachan (international wildlife presenter).

With the help of enthusiastic bidders, the benefit auction raised much-needed funds towards the rehabilitation of approximately 2,500 seabirds admitted to SANCCOB's seabird centres in 2014. Importantly, the funds also contributed to the Burgher's Walk project, a partnership with SANParks and the City of Cape Town.

Feathered fun for St. Francis holidaymakers

Holidaymakers in the greater St. Francis area were in for some feathered fun during the Christmas holidays as SANCCOB Eastern Cape celebrated its first Penguin Holiday Festival from 20 to 29 December 2014. The festival officially opened with a penguin release next to the Seal Point Lighthouse, which was attended by more than 1,000 visitors and locals.

The festival played host to a variety of events, which included a cheese-and-wine pairing and benefit auction; the second annual SANCCOB Penguin Golf Day at the St. Francis Bay Golf Club; a black-and-white themed penguin party; and a performance by local musician, Wendy Oldfield on the picturesque St. Francis canals. The final performance was left to Chris Chameleon, who played a sold-out show at the Cape St. Francis Resort.

Broadening the 'penguin footprint' in the Eastern Cape

SANCCOB Eastern Cape welcomed a steady influx of visitors from around the world, who enjoyed the penguin souvenir shop and behind-the-scenes tours offered at the centre situated next to the Seal Point Lighthouse. The centre was also a popular pit-stop for hikers of the Chokka Trail through the greater St. Francis area. In addition, large groups of international visitors visited the centre through collaboration with travel agencies and with the help of regular media coverage.





Penguin Festival for African Penguin Awareness Day

On 11 October 2014, organisations around the world celebrated African Penguin Awareness Day (APAD), a day dedicated to raising worldwide awareness about the plight of the endangered African penguin.

Hosted on APAD, the 13th annual Penguin Festival was held at the picturesque Boulders Beach penguin colony in Simon's Town and kicked off with a much-anticipated beach release of 12 rehabilitated African penguins back into the wild. Close to 800 onlookers witnessed the moving event as the penguins waddled their way back into the ocean.

Most of these penguins had been suffering from malnourishment and dehydration and were rescued by SANParks (Boulders Beach colony) and CapeNature (Stony Point colony). They were then admitted to SANCCOB's seabird centre in Cape Town for rehabilitation.

Following the release, festivalgoers of all ages headed to the festival area for various interactive games and displays including a penguin show, a live treasure hunt for kids and a South African Sustainable Seafood (SASSI) fishing game.

Ending off the festival, teams 'Smoke, Sweat and Tears' and 'Delicious Foodies' from The Ultimate Braai Master, sponsored by Pick 'n Pay, showed the crowd how to create a mouth-watering braai by only using SASSI-approved sustainable seafood ingredients.

Statement of comprehensive income

SANCCOB NPC

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Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014

Figures in R	2014	2013
REVENUE	10,146,870	6,880,732
Cost of sales	(559,853)	(73,084)
Gross surplus	9,587,017	6,807,648
Other income	456,088	125,812
Operating costs	(9,456,858)	(7,461,406)
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	586,247	(527,946)
Finance income	950,793	503,608
Finance costs	(191)	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,536,849	(24,338)

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