



Annual Report 2016



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Message from the Chairperson

Mariette Hopley

Another year has passed and I can affirm that the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds' (SANCCOB) environmental and marine bird conservation footprint on the African continent and globally has become stronger than ever.



When I think of the highlights of the past year I place special emphasis on the conversations that took place regarding potential collaboration with the South African Marine Rehabilitation and Education Centre (SAMREC) in Port Elizabeth. Another highlight is investigation into acquiring land in Betty's Bay to build an additional seabird rehabilitation centre in the Western Cape. If this transpires, the new centre will be situated on the tourist route between Hermanus via Kleinmond to Gordon's Bay. SANCCOB's devoted support to Operation Phakisa and the Global Oiled Wildlife Steering Committee has been instrumental in the development of legislative plans linked to the projects. Most importantly, SANCCOB, under the mandate of the Board of directors, will start a large-scale renovation to upgrade the Table View centre.

The United Nations World Tourism Organisation declared 2017 as the year of Sustainable Tourism Development. Given that South Africa is one of the top tourism destinations in the world, it is imperative that tourism businesses, corporates and non-profit organisations (NGOs) become sustainable in their day-to-day operations to support the growth of the South African tourism economy. It is against this very backdrop that SANCCOB is expanding its organisational response and footprint to form part of the fastest growing tourism initiative in the world. SANCCOB cannot survive without the collaborative support and initiatives from government, corporates, NGOs, volunteers and tourists visiting our centres from across the globe. SANCCOB thrives on your support and the large network of friendships created over the years.

I applaud the passion, spirit and phenomenal work of the SANCCOB team; you are all a true inspiration to the world when it comes to marine bird conservation. A special heartfelt thank you to the SANCCOB Board of directors for your unconditional support over the past year.

In quiet moments I think fondly of SANCCOB's founder, Mrs Althea Westphal, who has left me with warmhearted memories – she was one of my best friends, confidants and work colleagues. I salute her dedication and what she has created and done for marine bird conservation. I am very proud to be associated with such a phenomenal world-renowned organisation, its employees, international business networks and volunteers.

I firmly believe that our shared vision, team spirit and passion for the work we do will drive the organisation to even greater achievements and heights.

To this end I would like to share one of my own quotes with you:

"Everything on this planet is bound together and connected ... be a bold, courageous warrior to support and honor your right to the environment." Our planet, our continent, the marine bird population, SANCCOB and I, count on your continued support!

Message from the Executive Director

Dr Stephen van der Spuy

It's an honour to share the SANCCOB 2016 annual report with you. We are very proud to provide a glimpse into the achievements of the organisation, staff and volunteers. Working towards our nine long-term strategic objectives has ensured operational focus and a healthy working stretch for the organisation. Continuous refining and monitoring of our progress is essential to the positive growth and development of SANCCOB.

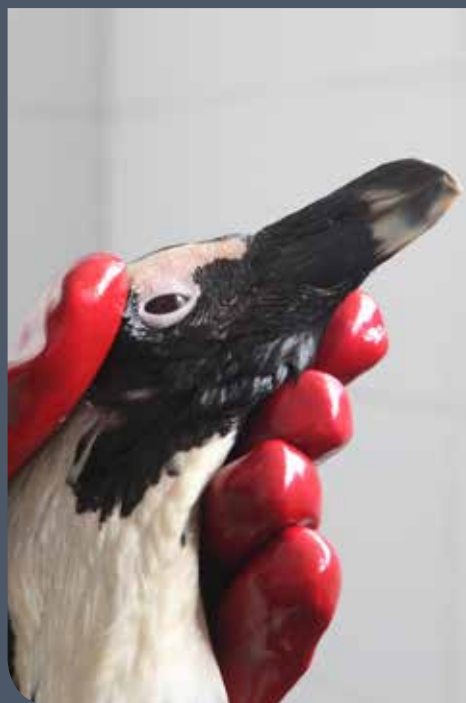


Of great interest to SANCCOB supporters for over a decade, has been the talk of renovating or rebuilding the SANCCOB centre in Table View. It is with great excitement that the “official” planning of the new centre started towards the end of 2016. Although the funding does not allow for the entire centre to be redeveloped, we are able to build a new hospital, kitchen, laundry and oiled seabird wash, rinse and drying rooms, as well as three new rehabilitation pools. In the near future we hope to raise funds to complete the renovation or rebuild of the current main building into an administration building where our Cape Town staff can occupy a centralised office work space.

The 2016 financial year was positive and we were also pleased to receive an unqualified external audit report from independent auditors, Grant Thornton. Our commitment to good governance and effective processes ensure continuation as a well-run organisation. The commitment and support of our local and international donors and supporters have been fundamental to ensuring that we can continue our critical work. We hugely appreciate this and look forward to your continued support of our work, which is outlined in this annual report. Without your support, thousands of seabirds (including endangered African penguins) would not receive the necessary care to be able to return to the wild.

On 8 October, SANCCOB and SANParks held its annual Penguin Festival in Simon's Town (sponsored by the Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust) and on 15 October SANCCOB and CapeNature came together to host the Penguin Palooza in Betty's Bay (at the Stony Point penguin colony). These events give the public the opportunity to engage with SANCCOB and its partners, and provide a platform to publicly share successes of the valuable work we do together. I would like to thank all our government partners, including the Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts, CapeNature, SANParks, City of Cape Town, Robben Island Museum, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality, Kouga Local Municipality and Transnet for their support and recognition of our work.

Thank you to the SANCCOB Board of directors who, during their busy lives, find substantial time to support SANCCOB and its important objectives. The SANCCOB Staff is passionately dedicated and delivers a high standard of work. I am very proud of your achievements and thank you for your commitment. To the volunteers who tirelessly give their time to ensure we get through every day – thank you!



Rehabilitation

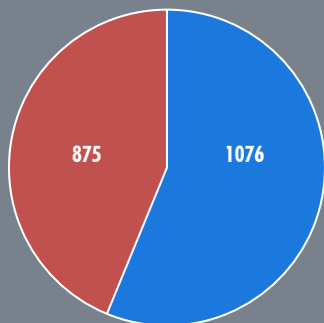
SANCCOB continues to treat a significant number of seabirds at its rehabilitation centres, including species that are endangered. As a reminder, the African penguin was uplisted to endangered status in 2010 and then in 2013, the Cape cormorant joined the Bank cormorant on the endangered list of the IUCN Red List. The assessments on these species indicate a rapid decline, with the threat of extinction looming close. Declines are believed to be primarily driven by a collapse of pelagic fish stocks caused by commercial fishing, as well as an eastward shift in prey distribution. Additional threats to these species include marine pollution, predation and extreme weather events.

Seabird population counts in 2016 (South Africa) continues to decline; 17, 277 African penguin breeding pairs, 41,179 Cape cormorant breeding pairs and an especially alarming 143 Bank cormorant breeding pairs — numbers according to the South African Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts. SANCCOB's mission has never been so clear; as these seabirds edge closer to extinction, our rehabilitation efforts are critical to their survival.

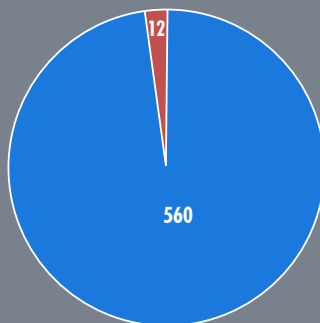
Bird statistics for 2016

Seabirds admitted in 2016	Table View (W Cape)	Cape St Francis (E Cape)
African penguin	1,076	560
Cape cormorant	219	
Crowned cormorant	10	
White breasted cormorant	15	
Reed cormorant	3	
Cape gannet	75	
Hartlaub's gull	273	
Grey headed gull	2	
Kelp gull	212	9
Swift tern	14	
Sandwich tern	1	
Caspian tern	1	
Common tern	14	1
Great white pelican	15	
African black oystercatcher	3	
Southern giant petrel	1	
Northern giant petrel	2	1
White-chinned petrel	2	
European storm petrel		1
Northern rockhopper penguin	1	
Sooty shearwater	2	
Greater flamingo	2	
Cattle egret	3	
Black headed heron	1	
African darter	2	
Sacred ibis	2	
Muscovey duck	1	
TOTALS	1,952	572
COMBINED TOTAL	2,524	

Seabirds admitted -
Table View 2016



Seabirds admitted -
Cape St Francis 2016



● African penguins

● Other seabirds



A total of 2,524 seabirds were admitted to SANCCOB's Table View and Cape St Francis centres in 2016. 1,636 of these were African penguins and 888 were other seabirds. The aforementioned pie charts clearly indicate that most of the birds admitted to the Cape St Francis facility are African penguins, with only 2% being other seabirds. In comparison, 45% of the birds admitted to Table View are flying seabirds; the most common species treated are Cape cormorants, Hartlaub's gulls and Kelp gulls.

SANCCOB treats large numbers of Cape cormorants every year and in 2016, a total of 219 were admitted for rehabilitation. The majority of these birds were recent fledglings that were in an emaciated, malnourished and dehydrated state. Unfortunately, the mortality rate was high as a result of the dire condition they arrived in. Most of these young birds are found along the False Bay coastline, shortly after the breeding season, and are collected by our dedicated group of First Responders. The condition they arrive in is evidence that they are struggling to find sufficient food, which is a real threat for seabirds.

As reported in previous years, SANCCOB continues to admit large numbers of Hartlaub's gulls due to high human disturbance incidents, as well as the permitted removal activities which are often necessary when building maintenance is required. SANCCOB is committed to finding a solution to this problem and has embarked on a Marine Wildlife Programme with other stakeholders with the aim of implementing a long-term management strategy.

Our African penguin chick rearing efforts have remained a central focus of our work since the inception of the Chick Bolstering Project in 2006. A total of 980 African penguin chicks were admitted to both centres; these included abandoned chicks due to moulting parents, as well as eggs and chicks cleared from residential areas for their protection. We are glad to report that 82% of these chicks were released and as independent research shows that hand-reared chicks fare just as well as naturally reared chicks in the wild, this is an important conservation intervention. In addition, the rescue, rehabilitation, release and monitoring of African penguin chicks forms part of the Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for African penguins. Given the continued population decline, the BMP was drafted and gazetted at national government-level in 2013. Together with other partner organisations, SANCCOB was closely involved in the drafting of the BMP and continues to play a key role in the implementation of the plan.

SANCCOB took on the role of penguin parents in hatching and hand-rearing this Northern rockhopper penguin at its Chick Rearing Unit. The egg was laid by resident penguins at the Two Oceans Aquarium in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront (Cape Town) and entrusted to SANCCOB to incubate and rear until reunited with its family. The egg was removed as a precautionary measure as the parents are still inexperienced and had not yet mastered the parental skills required. She is affectionately known as Miss Harold Custard.

Photo: Martine Viljoen

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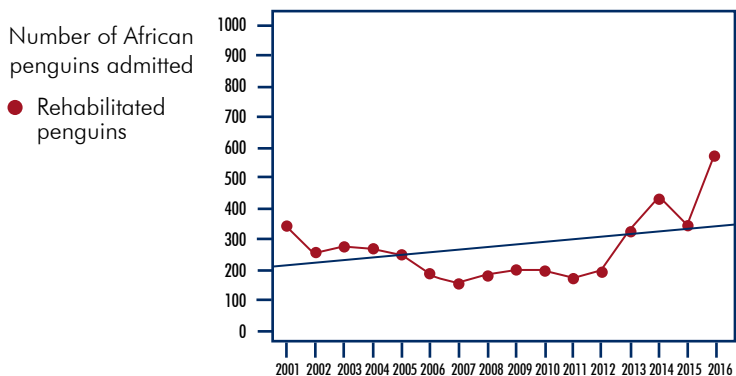
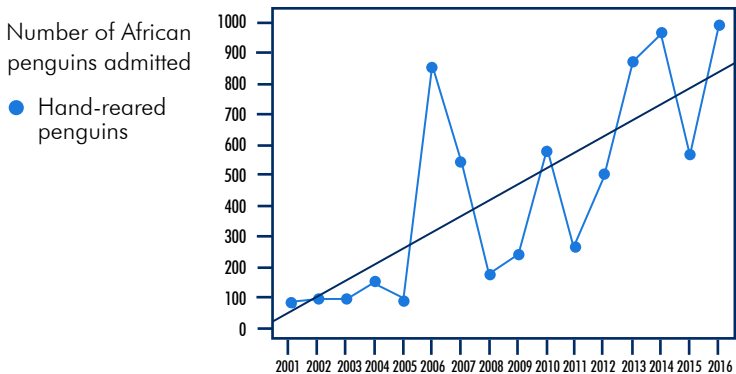
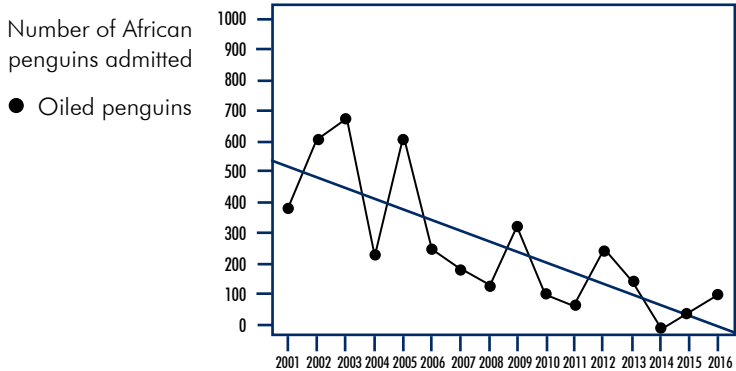


A first in SANCCOB's history! This is SANCCOB's first African Black oystercatcher (*Haematopus moquini*) – hatched and hand-reared at its seabird centre in Cape Town. This special bird was successfully released at Elands Bay on 14 February 2016. The species is listed as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species and only 6,000 breeding pairs remain in the wild.

now



Penguin admissions: 2001 - 2016



As the above graphs clearly portray, the core of SANCCOB's work has evolved from being responsive to disaster situations (seabird oiling events have decreased), to expanding our conservation measures to boost the African penguin population.



Seabird stabilisation kits

Seabird stabilisation kits have been issued to the penguin colonies around the Western Cape coastline. A generous donation of F10 products was added to the stabilisation kits. These kits assist Rangers and colony personnel in stabilising seabird patients until they are transferred to SANCCOB. Colony-specific Standard Operating Protocols accompany these stabilisation kits, which contain information on egg handling, seabird transportation, fluid therapy, wound management and commonly seen conditions.



A special word of thanks is necessary for our government partners, with whom we collaborate and thus enable our respective outcomes to be achieved. These partners include the South African Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts, CapeNature, SANParks, City of Cape Town, Robben Island Museum, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality, Kouga Local Municipality and Transnet.



Dr Katta Ludynia
checks in on
African penguins



Research

Transponder work

2016 was the first year in which all birds released from SANCCOB were equipped with transponders. Of the birds admitted in 2016, SANCCOB Western Cape has released a total of 642 African penguins thus far with transponders (104 adults, 515 fledglings and 23 juveniles). SANCCOB Eastern Cape released 438 African penguins with transponders, 136 adults, 296 fledglings and 6 juveniles. In addition to birds released from SANCCOB, African penguins also get transpondered at all of the main penguin colonies in South Africa and at other rehabilitation facilities.

In 2016, a total of 1,185 African penguins (808 adults and 377 fledglings) were transpondered in the wild. At Dassen, Robben and Dyer islands as well as Boulders Beach and Stony Point in the Western Cape, the work was conducted by Dr Katrin Ludynia – Researcher from the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Dr Keri-Lee Dobbie – Locum Veterinarian. In the Eastern Cape, Dr Lorien Pichegru – Researcher from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) transpondered African penguins on Bird and St Croix islands.

All main colonies were equipped with hand-held transponder readers and African penguins can be identified using these readers during regular nest visits and breeding success monitoring. Additionally, a ground-reader has been successfully deployed on Robben Island in 2016, registering hundreds of transpondered birds on their commute between the sea and their nest sites. An additional ground-reader has been installed at Stony Point in December 2016 and other colonies will be equipped with these readers in 2017, thanks to funding from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) programmes. These readers can be left out in the colonies, running off batteries and solar power, and birds' transponder numbers can be read without any disturbances to the birds. This valuable data will be used to calculate survival rates of birds in the wild, as well as to assess the success of rehabilitation measures at SANCCOB and other rehabilitation facilities. Especially for hand-reared chicks, we will be able to see if birds released from SANCCOB survive as well or even better than birds raised in the wild.

Disease Surveillance Project

The disease surveillance project was continued at SANCCOB in 2016, led by Dr Nola Parsons. Passive disease surveillance data was collected from animals admitted for rehabilitation that died within five days of admission, or from carcasses admitted from the wild for post-mortem examination. 686 post-mortem examinations were conducted and samples from 106 birds were sent in for histopathology. A total of 22 seabird and coastal bird species were assessed, the largest sample size coming from African penguins and Cape cormorants. Several important publications resulted from this work, including the 'Southern African Seabird Colony Disease Risk Assessment', authored by Dr Nola Parsons (SANCCOB) and Dr Ralph Vanstreels (NMMU), which was prepared as part of the African Penguin Biodiversity Management Plan.

We wish to extend our appreciation to Dr Nola Parsons for her commitment and impact during her 15 years at SANCCOB.

Colony Assistance

SANCCOB continues to provide funding to provide bird and marine rangers to monitor African penguins in Simon's Town and Betty's Bay. Whilst the established African penguin colonies fall under the protection of SANParks and CapeNature respectively, SANCCOB has put steps in place to holistically manage the penguin species and mitigate threats to the survival of the endangered African penguin. The Burgher's Walk Restoration Project in Simon's Town was initiated to proactively protect the birds breeding on unprotected public land, outside the colony. The Stony Point Penguin Ranger Project benefits endangered African penguins by taking direct, rehabilitation-focused, conservation action to bolster the wild population and forms part of the BMP for African penguins.

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Veterinary

Treating birds on admission and ensuring the health of the birds during their rehabilitation process are the primary objectives of SANCCOB's veterinary team.

In 2016, 378 surgical procedures were carried out and 592 birds required X-rays. Cases of note from 2016 include several cases of African penguins with fractures of either leg or flipper bones, and other species with either fractured wing or leg bones. In certain cases these fractures can be surgically stabilised with pins and external skeletal fixation, which allows the birds to be successfully released after the pins are removed.

Several penguins with severe soft-tissue wounds have been successfully treated. These birds required prolonged treatment and underwent several surgeries each to debride the wounds to allow complete healing.

More memorable cases

An abandoned African penguin chick presented with seizures and other neurological signs and was diagnosed with heavy metal toxicity after pieces of metal were found in the stomach by X-ray. It recovered after long-term care which included assisted walking, physical therapy and treatment with metalcaptase. Birds treated for injuries caused by human negligence included a Kelp gull with a fishing hook in its right eyelid and right leg, which unfortunately led to toe amputation. In another, an African penguin was admitted from Melkbosstrand and was suspected to have been hit by a motor vehicle. It had a large abdominal wound and a dislocated hip, both of which were successfully treated. SANCCOB also successfully treated and released a Great white pelican that had wounds on its neck and gular (pouch).

In October, the veterinary facilities at SANCCOB were inspected by the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC). SANCCOB met the required standard to be registered as a small animal hospital/clinic. The inspector noted as part of his comment, "I was very impressed with what SANCCOB is able to achieve with the size of the facility available to them. Good biosecurity is in place in buildings housing chick rearing, egg incubation, etc. Equipment in the hospital/clinic is of a good to high standard and well maintained with records".

During 2016, SANCCOB was assisted part-time by a Compulsory Community Service (CCS) Veterinarian, Dr Bronwyn Orford. She received training in avian medicine, surgery and rehabilitation of seabirds in her time spent at SANCCOB. We greatly appreciate the allocation of a CCS veterinarian to SANCCOB. Her enthusiasm and hard work were greatly valued.

We would like to thank Dr Natasha Ayres for her excellent work and dedication as SANCCOB's clinical veterinarian from 2015 to 2016.



Oiled Wildlife Response

Oil Spill Incidents

Algoa Bay Oil Spill

An oil spill occurred in Algoa Bay on 15 August and SANCCOB admitted 92 oiled African penguins and 30 African penguin chicks, abandoned due to the oil spill, to its centre in Cape St Francis. The affected birds were rescued from St Croix Island by Marine Rangers from the Addo Elephant National Park – SANParks and the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) in a collaborative rescue operation and transported to the Cape St Francis centre and the South African Marine Rehabilitation and Education Centre (SAMREC) in Port Elizabeth.

Staff at SANCCOB's Cape St Francis centre first started admitting oiled birds on Tuesday, 16 August, and were later assisted by an additional support team from SANCCOB's Cape Town centre. The oiled birds received a few days of intensive care to improve their strength and hydration, while the penguin chicks were being cared for in separate enclosures. Once the adults had regained their strength they were washed, rinsed and dried to enable their plumage to regain their waterproofing. Once the birds were clean from oil they were rehabilitated until ready to be released back into the wild. Thanks to all the hard work from both staff and volunteers, and the support from other stakeholders and the local community, SANCCOB achieved a 98% release rate.

Operation Phakisa

SANCCOB continues to be an active member in Operation Phakisa and has been involved in drafting the South African National Oil Spill Contingency Plan. SANCCOB provided its expertise in relation to the wildlife response section of this contingency plan, which will lead to the development of a separate national oiled wildlife response plan relating to seabirds.

Consultancy Project

BP Southern Africa

BP Southern Africa invited SANCCOB to conduct site visits at South Africa (Pretoria; East London and Cape Town) and Mozambique terminals (Matola; Beira and Nacala) to finalise BP's wildlife contingency plans for these depots. SANCCOB met with respective terminal managers and safety officers, followed by a site inspection of each area.

Subsequently, two oiled wildlife contingency plans have been prepared and presented to BP.



ICS training 100,
200 and 300 at the
Waterfront, Cape Town.

Two of SANCCOB's staff members
were invited to board the Agulhas
II while attending ICS 100 – 300
training.



SANCCOB presents at Oil Spill Response Workshop

SANCCOB was once again invited to present at an oil spill response workshop in Margate, KwaZulu-Natal. The workshop was hosted by the Department of Environmental Affairs and SANCCOB's presentation was focused on the causes of oil spills and oiled wildlife response strategies. Other attendees affiliated to SANCCOB included representatives from SeaWorld, uShaka Aquarium, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa, Oil Spill Response Limited, as well as members from local government.

Training

The Incident Command System (ICS) is an internationally recognised standard approach created to effectively manage emergency incidents, such as oil spills. This system provides a common hierarchy within which first responders from multiple agencies can be effective. This system will be implemented in South Africa as the standard requirement for all hazard response operations under the South African National Oil Spill Contingency Plan, and SANCCOB received the ICS training offered through Operation Phakisa. Two key SANCCOB staff members had the opportunity to complete ICS 100, ICS 200 and ICS 300 training at the Department of Environmental Affairs in the Waterfront. In addition, these SANCCOB representatives then completed further ICS position-specific training as Operations Section Chief and Group Supervisor. Primary oil spill responders in South Africa, including South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), Department of Environmental Affairs, Department of Transport, TransNet, CapeNature and SANParks, attended the training. Other members of staff at SANCCOB have also completed ICS 100 and ICS 200 online training courses and this training will be made available to all future staff.

Wildlife Response Equipment

In accordance with international guidelines, updated specialised wildlife response equipment has been identified for use in an oil spill response, and funding has been allocated to purchase priority items in 2017. This equipment will be stockpiled at SANCCOB centres and at strategic locations around South Africa.



Patrick Matthews
has been part of the
SANCCOB volunteer
team since 2013.

A big thank you to all our
dedicated and passionate
volunteers and interns
from around the world
helping SANCCOB to
save seabirds every day.
We couldn't do it without
them.



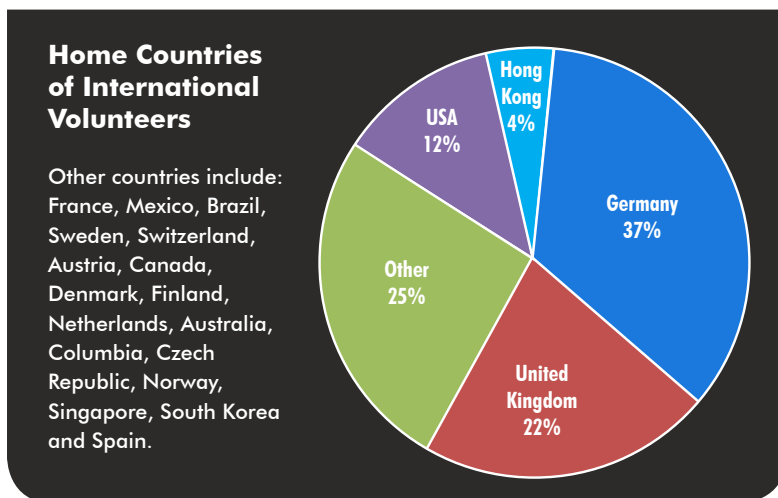
Volunteering and Training

Volunteers

SANCCOB relies heavily on the support of volunteers to achieve the objectives of the organisation. In 2016, SANCCOB continued to receive support at its Western and Eastern Cape centres in the local and international volunteer programme.

The international volunteer programme attracted 133 individuals, originating from 21 different countries, who supported the rehabilitation staff in the daily running of the seabird rehabilitation centres.

Germany was, once again, the origin of the majority of volunteers, with an average of four German volunteers joining the programme every month. After hosting the first volunteer from Hong Kong in 2015, volunteers from Hong Kong represented the 4th highest country represented in 2016. Volunteers are often made aware of SANCCOB through previous volunteers and this shows that the volunteers become true ambassadors of the organisation and its work.



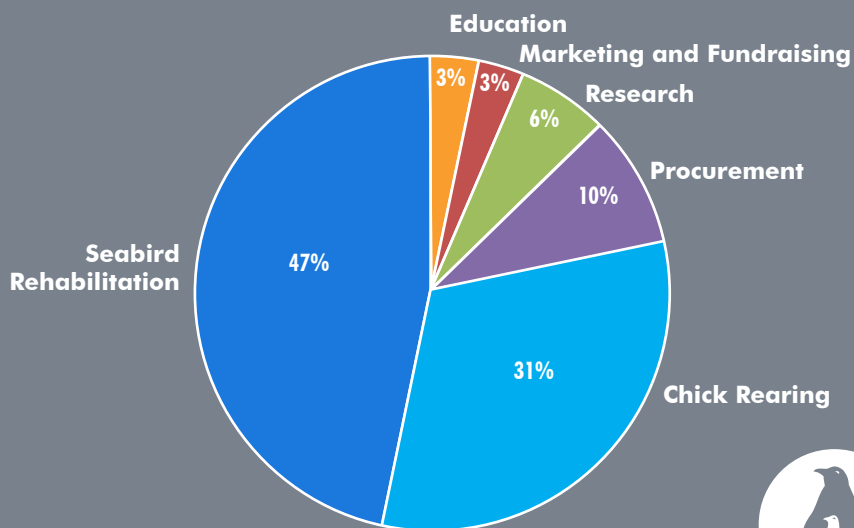
Volunteers become an extension of the staff and are an integral part of the daily running of the centres. Not only do volunteers assist with the hands-on work with the seabirds, they also provide assistance in all functions of the centre such as marketing, procurement and fundraising.

Local volunteer, Patrick Matthews, assists SANCCOB almost daily with driving duties. During 2016, he drove 15,970 km for SANCCOB by assisting in tasks such as collecting fish, collecting seabirds, dropping off garden birds at other rehabilitation facilities, assisting with any other organisational driving needs and transporting birds to release sites.



Volunteers assisted with habitat restoration providing the penguins with much-needed nesting material.

Types of internships participated in during 2016



Stony Point Colony Assistance

During 2016, SANCCOB volunteers had two opportunities to become involved in seabird conservation outside the SANCCOB rehabilitation centres. In February and December, volunteers assisted CapeNature with habitat restoration, providing the penguins with much-needed nesting material, penguin monitoring and providing visitors with important penguin conservation facts at the Stony Point penguin colony in Betty's Bay.

Volunteers gain valuable insight into the work required in managing a penguin colony and return to the centre with a greater understanding of seabird conservation outside of a rehabilitation centre.

Internships

During 2016, a total of 32 interns received training at SANCCOB through the various internship programmes. The majority of these interns participated in Seabird Rehabilitation internships.

SANCCOB receives interns through an independent internship programme, managed directly by SANCCOB, as well as act as host to interns from the National Research Foundation (NRF).

For the sixth consecutive year, the NRF placed interns at SANCCOB. During the 2015/2016 programme, four interns were hosted at SANCCOB. This is an important skills development programme and SANCCOB is proud to be associated with this national programme.

For the 2016/2017 programme, SANCCOB has been awarded four new interns by the NRF. SANCCOB looks forward to continuing with these individuals in 2017 and providing them with valuable workplace experience.

Department	NRF interns 2015/16	NRF interns 2016/17	SANCCOB independent internship	Total number of interns
Chick Rearing	0	0	10	10
Seabird Rehabilitation	2	1	12	15
Education	0	1	0	1
Research	1	1	0	2
Marketing and Fundraising	0	1	0	1
Procurement	1	0	2	3
Total	4	4	24	32



San Diego Zoo staff – or “Team Khaki” as they were fondly referred to – with some of SANCCOB’s staff.

Lelanie van Wyk, Romy Klusener, Zukile May and Dylan Kackell.



Animal Professional Experience

In 2016, SANCCOB hosted 19 international zookeepers and aquaria staff in this programme. The individuals represented the following institutions: Shedd Aquarium, Pueblo Zoo, Zoom Torino, Tulsa Zoo, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium, Aiuká, San Diego Zoo, National Aviary, California Academy of Science, Georgia Aquarium and Mystic Aquarium.

The majority of the participants join the programme during the peak period of November and December. This period is affectionately known as 'chick season', due to the large number of abandoned African penguin chicks admitted during this time.

Many of the zookeepers describe the hands-on programme as one of the hardest but most rewarding experiences of their careers.

Training

In 2016, SANCCOB provided valuable training to staff of various colonies and aquaria.

Zukile May and Lelanie van Wyk, who are newly appointed Boulders Beach Penguin Rangers, spent 6 April and 7 April at SANCCOB where they received intensive practical training in the main rehabilitation facility, as well as the Nursery and Chick Rearing Unit.

Some of training gained by the rangers included: incubation of African penguin eggs; candling techniques; safe egg handling and egg transportation, handling and identification of various ages of penguins; packaging of small chicks for transportation; tubing of chicks and penguins of different ages; chick behaviour (signs of distress, illness, heat stress, lethargy); and correct preparation of transport boxes.

SAFE Transponder Project delegate training

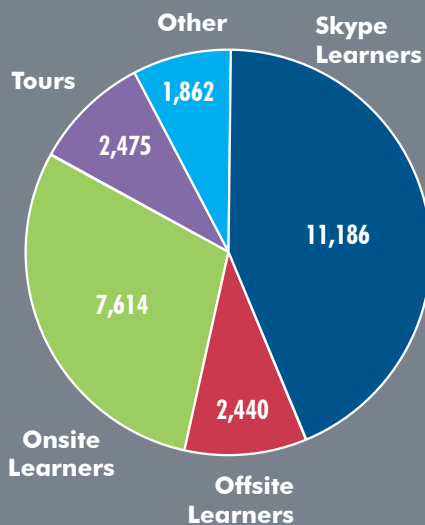
Mike McClure (Maryland Zoo) and Kylene Plemmons (SeaWorld San Diego) received training in July on basic penguin handling. The training was essential to prepare them for the field work they participated in from 20 July to 4 August.

Early Career Scientist

Pre-International Penguin Congress event: SANCCOB provided a unique opportunity for participants of the Early Career Scientist group to learn and observe various skills. The skills presented were:

- Handling African penguins
- Basic blood evaluation (making and reading blood smears)
- Useful penguin measurements (example head and beak)
- Observe a post-mortem
- Observe a surgical procedure

2016 Outreach Totals



Total: 25,577 people



A Mary Kihn learner gets creative during camp.



Visiting senior citizens during NSW.



Education

Skype in the Classroom

This year SANCCOB was recognised as a master content provider for Skype in the Classroom after reaching over 11,000 learners in a single year from 31 different countries totalling 302 lessons. This is done through virtual lessons on the Skype platform where learners get to meet one of our ambassador penguins and see the work SANCCOB does, free of charge.

Apart from our standard lessons we also participated in the 2016 Skype-a-thon which travelled nearly 10 million virtual miles in total.

A bottle cap challenge was hosted from October to December during which more than 33,000 plastic bottle caps were collected and recycled, preventing them from entering our precious oceans.

Mary Kihn Camp

One of this year's funded projects is Rand Merchant Bank's (RMB) programme for children who are Deaf or hard of hearing. The third stage of the programme involved a camp at Zeekoevlei Nature Reserve, in partnership with Cape Town Environmental Education Trust (CTEET), and it was a highlight for all involved. With the funds from RMB, SANCCOB's Education Department and CTEET staff were able to attend a workshop for basic South African Sign Language (SASL) communication and an introduction to Deaf culture through the non-profit organisation, Two Hands. When the children in our programme realised that educators had made the effort to learn the basics of speaking with them in their home language, they were hugely appreciative and excited.

Elkanah House Fundraiser

SANCCOB loaned the Grade R Elkanah House learners the SANCCOB education outreach vehicle for a car boot sale. The learners involved in the sale donated items from home to sell on the day and managed to raise valuable funds towards SANCCOB's operational costs. To thank the Grade R Otter class group, Tamlyn Hardy and an ambassador penguin named Stubby, paid them a visit in February to read and leave them with their very own copy of Stubby's Story book.

National Science Week (NSW)

SANCCOB was one of only 69 national recipients selected by the NRF's South African Agency for Science and Technology to present in the NSW programme, 'The Science behind the African penguin'. From 7 to 13 August, the Education Department reached over 1,200 individuals. This took place through two SANCCOB open days where tours were free, three visits to homes for the elderly, an educational talk at Tygerberg Nature Reserve and three visits from a previously disadvantaged school.



2016 Annual Auction Benefit
guest speaker, Verity Price,
flanked by SANCCOB's Executive
Director and Chairperson.

Annual Penguin Festival
release at Boulders Beach in
Simon's Town.



Awareness and Events

SANCCOB and penguin-lovers worldwide celebrated African Penguin Awareness Day (APAD) on 8 October 2016. The day is dedicated to raising worldwide awareness about the plight of the endangered African penguin, the only penguin endemic to the African continent. As its flagship species, SANCCOB held a number of events in honour of this special day.

On APAD, SANCCOB and SANParks (Table Mountain National Park) held its annual Penguin Festival at the iconic Boulders Beach penguin colony in Simon's Town, Cape Town. As is customary every year, a group of rehabilitated African penguins were released back into the wild by SANCCOB and SANParks staff and volunteers as a big crowd witnessed the penguins as they waddled towards their colony. Following the release, festival-goers made their way to the Simon's Town Navy Sports Fields for the Penguin Festival which included three big tented areas with live music, an array of children's entertainment, food trucks, marine exhibitions and much more.

On 11 October, SANCCOB's centre in Cape St Francis (Eastern Cape) welcomed 70 members of the South African Wing Riders biking club. The bikers held a charity drive for SANCCOB which coincided with their annual week-long bike rally from Port Elizabeth called the Wing Fling. The bikers were treated to a personalised tour of the facility, an informative talk about African penguins and also took part in an Amazing Race-style competition set around the town of Cape St Francis.

A second public penguin release was held on 15 October 2016 at the first-ever Penguin Palooza at the Stony Point penguin colony in Betty's Bay, Cape Town. Hosted by SANCCOB and CapeNature, 10 rehabilitated African penguins were released on the day to commemorate APAD and to celebrate the official partnership between SANCCOB and CapeNature, the management authority of the penguin colony. Festival-goers were allowed free entry into the colony on the day and the event also included educational activities and exhibitions by SANParks, CapeNature and SANCCOB.

Benefit Auctions

As a non-profit organisation, SANCCOB's annual benefit auctions are vital fundraising events and give supporters, including celebrities and special guests, the opportunity to support SANCCOB's work by bidding on a range of exciting auction items and unique getaway experiences. In 2016, SANCCOB hosted two popular benefit auctions.

The first was held in Cape Town on 18 November 2016 at the picturesque Moyo Restaurant in the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens (Cape Town). Singer, actress and speaker – Verity Price – was the superb host for the glamorous event which included live music, special guest appearances and spectacular prizes up for bid.

The second auction was held in Cape St Francis on 15 December at Mauro's Italian Restaurant in Port St Francis and was hosted by local master of ceremonies, Warren Manser. The evening included live music and helped to raise much-needed funds for SANCCOB's seabird centre in Cape St Francis.

Penguin Holiday Festival in St Francis Bay

The annual Penguin Holiday Festival has become a much-loved programme on the holiday calendar in St Francis Bay. This year's exciting programme included:

- 15 Dec: SANCCOB Benefit Auction held at Mauro's Italian restaurant
- 23 Dec: A blues-rock show in aid of SANCCOB by SAMA-nominated Gerald Clark at Rocky Lily
- 26 Dec: The annual SANCCOB Penguin Charity Golf Day hosted at the St Francis Bay Golf Course
- 29 Dec: A New Moon Run hosted by St Francis Tourism in aid of SANCCOB



Statement of Comprehensive Income

SANCCOB NPC (Registration Number 2001/026273/08)
Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

Figures in R	2016	2015
Revenue	11,130,667	10,714,032
Cost of sales	(371,604)	(414,410)
Gross surplus	10,759,063	10,299,622
Other income	27,857	780,975
Operating costs	(10,098,054)	(10,457,961)
Other gains and losses	(89,623)	(33,773)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	599,243	622,636
Finance income	1,236,609	1,172,316
Finance costs	(2,638)	(5,372)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,833,214	1,789,580

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