



MARINE RANGERS ACTIVITIES ON THE BERG
ESTUARY –
FEBRUARY 2021

Role Players:

CN Officials, DEFF, SAPS, Birdlife SA, Researchers (UWC, NMU, CSIR), SAMSA, BRM

Activities:

- Participation in World Wetlands Day awareness through live radio interview
- Accompany researchers from NMU, CSIR, UWC on the Berg noting salinity gradient, restoration and carbon storage on the Berg and updating the vegetation map
- Participate in 1 CWAC count with Birdlife SA and SABAP survey
- 2 X Night Joint Phakisa Operations – Illegal fishing activities
- 1 X Day Joint Phakisa Operation – High visibility
- 2 X Foot and vehicle patrols, including slipway patrols. Areas inspected Rooibaai, POMA and Bokkomlaan
- 3 x High visibility vessel patrols, including patrols through POMA and Bokkomlaan
- Meeting with BRM, WCDM and SAMSA regarding legal action on 2 x houseboats at Pelican harbour.

Description of Activities:

The aim is to establish a presence on the estuary and combat illegal fishing activities.

We monitor compliance in terms of skipper licences, fishing licences and permits. Thus far we have issued a J534 (AOG) for fishing with a seine net without a permit.

To promote awareness of our environment with emphasis on the environmental activity for the month, i.e. World wetlands day and water month.