



**MARINE RANGERS ACTIVITIES ON THE BERG  
ESTUARY –  
APRIL 2021**

**NAME OF THE AREA:**

Berg Estuary – From the Berg River mouth to Kersefontein bridge

**REPORT PERIOD:**

01/04/2021 to 30/04/2021

**PLANNING FOR APRIL 2021:**

As the Berg Estuary is our primary focus we, the Marine Rangers, plan our activities in and around the Berg Estuary. The activities cover compliance and enforcement, research monitoring and environmental education.

**ACTIVITIES APRIL 2021:**

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| COMPLIANCE and LAW ENFORCEMENT | Compliance monitoring vessel patrol on the Berg Estuary to kick start Easter Weekend Visibility  | 01/04/2021 |
|                                | Joint Operation/High Visibility patrol between CN Rangers and SAMSA patrolling the entire estuary, focusing on hotspots  | 03/04/2021 |
|                                | Joint Slipway Patrol Operation with CN, DEFF, BRM Law Enforcement monitoring skipper's licences, vessel certificates and establishing strong presence. CN officials also proceeded on afternoon vessel patrol on the Estuary | 04/04/2021 |
|                                | Joint Operation vehicular patrol with CN and DEFF officials around the Estuary looking at compliance in terms of fishing permits, etc  | 05/04/2021 |
|                                | Joint Operation with CN, DEFF, FPV conducting vessel, vehicular and slipway patrols on and around the Berg Estuary   | 18/04/2021 |
| RESEARCH MONITORING            | Participate in SASS and Mini SASS tests, including salinity tests on the estuary to determine oxygen levels and e-coli present in the estuary with Ground Truth representative.  | 01/04/2021 |
|                                | Water sampling with DEA&DP.  | 12/04/2021 |
| ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION        | Participate in World Earth Day event with other CN official, BRM, Thuma Mina, EPWP and BRM Law Enforcement to do clean up in the Noordhoek Community   | 22/04/2021 |



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| STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT   | In-house Capacity Building MS Teams meeting to discuss ideas around Environmental Awareness | 06/04/2021 |
|                          | Accepted invitation and attended Port Owen E-Watch Neighbourhood Watch meeting              | 19/04/2021 |
|                          | Attend and contribute to Berg Estuary Management Meeting                                    | 28/04/2021 |
| TRAINING and DEVELOPMENT | Nothing to report this month  |            |

**SUCSESSES / ACHIEVEMENTS**

- **J534 fine issued for dumping Elf/Shad into the water**
- **Confiscated 29 abandoned Elf/Shad fish at the Estuary and booked into SAP 13**
- **5 x Verbal warnings issued to ensure compliance**

**IN CLOSING**

The Berg team is currently displaying a high level of visibility on the ground and on the estuary.

The local community is aware of our presence as many of our patrols are aimed at being highly visible and taking action.

We are planning to continue this high degree of visibility.

**DECLARATIONS**



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Prepared in collaboration with Berg River Estuary Marine Field Rangers:

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Lauren Matthews – Marine Field Ranger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Marinus".

Ryan Marinus – Marine Field Ranger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Pienaar".

Jan Pienaar – Marine Field Ranger

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Terence Coller – Conservation Officer (Rocherpan Nature Reserve)

Callum Beattie – Landscape Unit Manager (Cederberg Conservation Operations)

I, declare that the information provided in this report is correct.

Date: 30 April 2021