



MARINE RANGERS ACTIVITIES ON THE BERG
ESTUARY –
MAY 2021

NAME OF THE AREA:

Berg Estuary – From the Berg River mouth to Kersefontein bridge

REPORT PERIOD: 01/05/2021 to 31/05/2021

PLANNING FOR MAY 2021:

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

ACTIVITIES: MAY 2021:

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COMPLIANCE and LAW ENFORCEMENT	Joint slipway patrol with DFFE.	02/05/2021
	Joint night vehicle patrol with DFFE, along Berg Estuary and DKB coast	09/05/2021
	Joint vessel patrol with SAMSA checking unlicensed boats.	10/05/2021
	Joint night vessel patrol with DFFE, checking activity on and around Berg Estuary.	21/05/2021
	Joint Operation with DFFE, conducting vessel, vehicle and slipway patrols on and around the Berg Estuary.	22/05/2021
	Joint night vehicle along estuary and coast with DFFE.	26/05/2021
	Joint morning vessel and vehicle patrols along Berg Estuary with DFFE.	29/05/2021 & 30/05/2021
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.	17/05/2021 & 27/05/2021
	Water sampling with DEA&DP.	17/05/2021
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	Nothing to report this month Planning for upcoming estuary clean up in conjunction with World Environment Day (5 June)	
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	In-house Capacity Building meeting on enforcement and compliance operations with Marine and Coasts Conservation Officer.	10/05/2021



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	Attend and contribute to Berg Estuary Advisory Forum meeting.	13/05/2021
	Attended Port Owen E-Watch Neighbourhood Watch meeting	24/05/2021
	Attend and contribute in Western Cape Estuaries Task Team meeting	25/05/2021
TRAINING and DEVELOPMENT	Fish species and fishing vessel identification training with FishForce (Nelson Mandela University).	03/05/2021 - 07/05/2021

SUCSESSES / ACHIEVEMENTS

- Gill/drift net found and retrieved in sea on Dwarskersbos coast and booked into SAP 13.
- 2 Gill/drift nets found and retrieved in Port Owen Marina and booked into SAP 13.
- 1 Gill/drift net found abandoned in Velddrif. Booked into SAP 13.

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

Prepared in collaboration with Berg River Estuary Marine Field Rangers:

Lauren Matthews – Marine Field Ranger

Ryan Marinus – Marine Field Ranger

Jan Pienaar – Marine Field Ranger



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Terence Coller – Conservation Officer: On Reserve: Rocherpan Nature Reserve/ Berg River Estuary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Callum Beattie".

Callum Beattie – Landscape Unit Manager: Ceder-Berg

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

Date: 31 May 2021