



Celebrating Marine Month – What does the law say?

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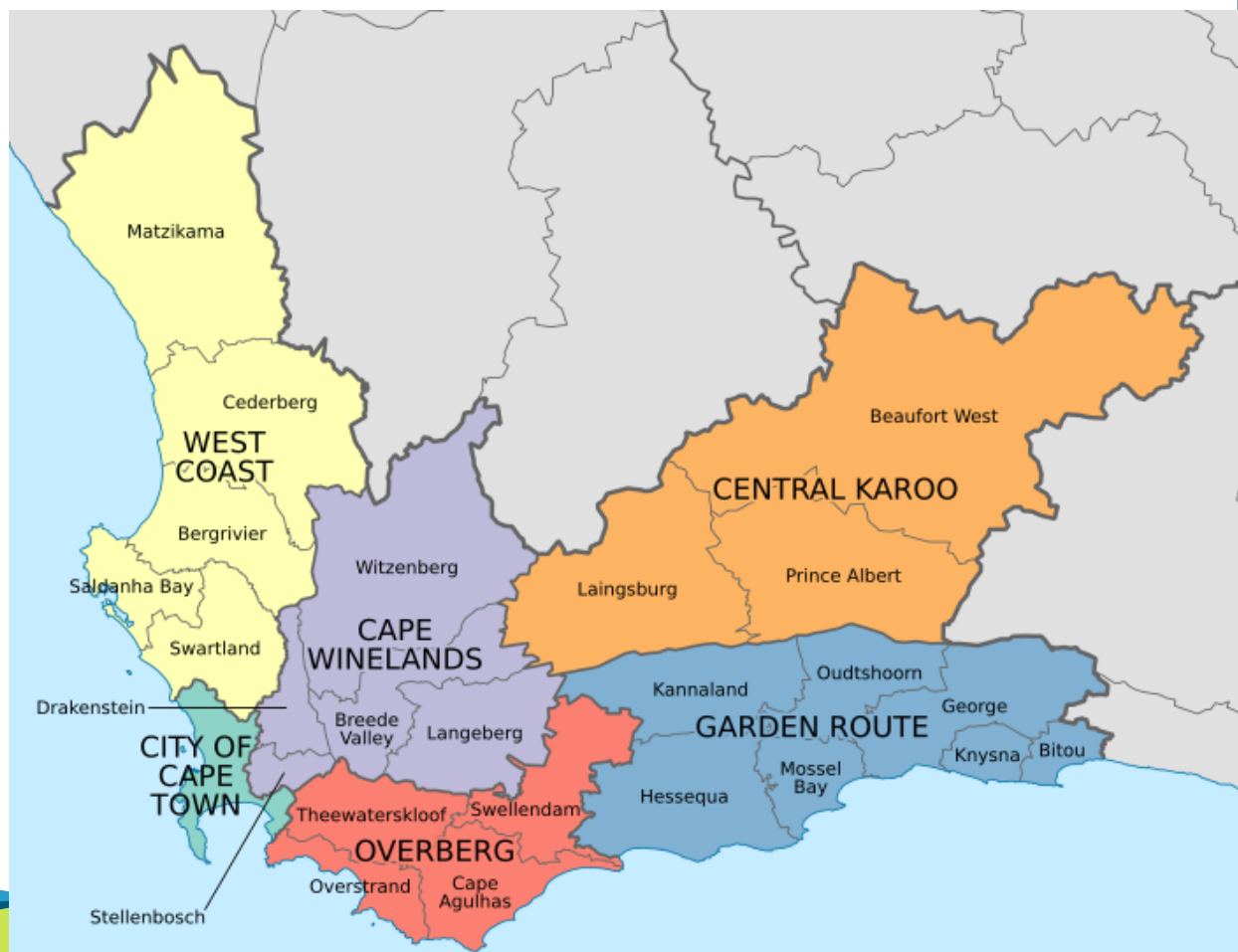
Introduction

Who are we?



CapeNature is the part of government that protects natural occurring plant and animal life (biodiversity) in the Western Cape.

Quick activity: Can you spot where we are right now on this map of the Western Cape?



What are we going to do today?

- Learn about the laws that are applicable to the marine and coastal environment
- Why these laws are in place
- What can you do to protect our marine resources
- Pledge to do something to save our estuaries and oceans



What are the rules for today?



What is Marine Month all about?

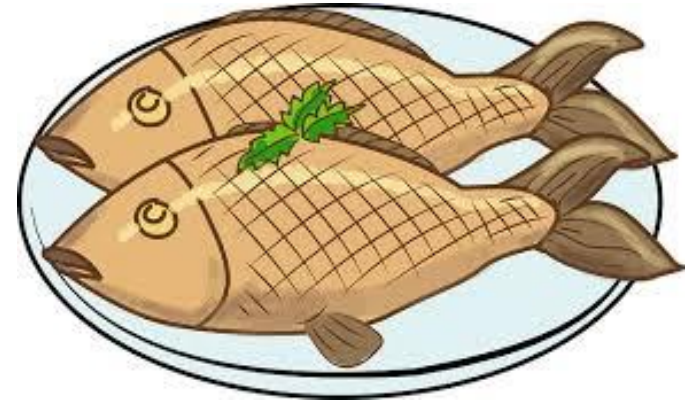
- National Marine Month creates awareness of South Africa's marine and coastal environments and the benefits that our oceans bring to our nation.
- Marine month is celebrated in October every year.
- Today we are going to learn all about the laws that are applicable to our marine resources.



The legal framework

Why are the laws so important to marine resources?

- To regulate the utilization of our marine resources
- To protect and conserve our marine resources
- To ensure sustainable marine resources for future generations



What is a legislation?

The word legislation refers to the laws that are applied. For marine resources the Marine Living Resources Act 18 of 1998 is important.

This act says:

- to provide for the conservation of the marine ecosystem, the long-term sustainable utilization of marine living resources and the orderly access to exploitation, utilization and protection of certain marine living resources; and
- for these purposes to provide for the exercise of control over marine living resources in a fair and equitable manner to the benefit of all the citizens of South Africa.



What regulations do I have to know about?

These laws are:

- 1) Marine Protected Area legislation- This refers to laws that apply to an area that are managed by a conservation entity such as CapeNature or a government department such as The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

- 2) Protected Species legislation- This refers to legislation that protect the marine plants and animals within a protected area.



What can you do to protect our marine resources

- Promote the ethos of catch what you need, and release your excess catch
- Avoid off-road vehicle use in ALL coastal zones as it has a negative impact on marine species
- Manage all your waste effectively
- Join in coastal clean-ups and report any transgressions to the appropriate local authorities.



Consolidation



Let's pledge

- What actions are you planning to take to conserve and protect our marine resources?



Activity: each person must write down a pledge of what they will do to help conserve marine resources.



THANK YOU.