



4TH SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHARK & RAY SYMPOSIUM

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHARK & RAY SYMPOSIUM

The Southern African Shark and Ray Symposium (SASRS) is a biennial meeting of the academic community of Southern Africa who are currently conducting research on these taxa. Academics and students from Africa - and overseas groups who have conducted research on Chondrichthyans in Africa - are encouraged to attend and present their studies.

The 2017 symposium is hosted by the South African Shark Conservancy, and is supported by the Overstrand Municipality, CapeNature and the Save Our Seas Foundation.

SYMPOSIUM DATES, LOCATION & VENUE

The SASRS will be held from 11-13 September 2017 in the coastal town of Hermanus, situated in the Western Cape, South Africa. Hermanus is approximately 1.5hrs from the Cape Town International Airport, and is easily accessible as a self-drive or by airport transfer.

Oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and exhibits will be held at the Overstrand Municipal Centre. The physical address is: Overstrand Civic Auditorium and Banqueting Hall, Overstrand Municipal Centre, 1 Harmony Ave, Hermanus. GPS coordinates: 34°25'08.1"S 19°14'13.7"E.

Delegates will be expected to make their own way to the symposium and its events. Local taxis are available, however delegates should leave ample time for travel should this be your preferred mode of transport. Alternatively, there are many car rental options available in town.

The Organizing Committee encourage you to make the most of your stay while in the Hermanus area, which is renowned for its diversity and beauty and was recently designated as a Hope Spot by Dr. Sylvia Earle.

SYMPOSIUM STRUCTURE

The SASRS will comprise a combination of oral and poster sessions, lightening talks, workshops, and public events. Keynote presentations are scheduled for the 11th and 12th September. Posters will be displayed throughout the symposium and a dedicated poster session is scheduled to facilitate discussions with the presenting authors.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Registration and Ice-breaker	10 September	19h00-21h00	South African Shark Conservancy Lab
Registration	11 September	07h30-08h00	Overstrand Civic Auditorium
Poster set-up	11 September	07h30-08h00	Overstrand Civic Auditorium: Banquet Hall
Oral presentations	11-12 September	08h15-16h00	Overstrand Civic Auditorium
Poster session	11 September	16h00-17h00	Overstrand Civic Auditorium: Banquet Hall
Public Event	11 September	18h30-21h00	Central Hermanus
Gala dinner	12 September	19h00-late	Bientang's Cave
Workshops	13 September	08h15-15h00	Overstrand Civic Auditorium



PRESENTATIONS

Keynote speakers

Two Keynote presentations will be delivered during the symposium. Keynote presentations have been allocated 45 minutes.

Speakers are:

- MARKUS BURGNER (Senior Programme Officer, TRAFFIC)
- DR. ANDREA MARSHALL (Director, Marine Megafauna Foundation)

Oral presentations

Oral presentations have been allocated 15 minutes each. Chair persons will be very strict in time management, so limit your presentations to 12 minutes and allow three minutes for questions and discussions. Oral presenters are urged to give more time to the objectives of their studies and scientific results obtained rather than to literature review, materials and methods and /or description of the study sites. Presentations must be in Microsoft PowerPoint and compatible with Windows 10.

Lightning presentations

Presenters have the option of oral “lightning” talks. Talks are to be 5 minutes in duration, comprised of a maximum of 10 slides, and no questions from the audience will be fielded following the talk. This is an excellent forum for presenting preliminary research or putting out a call for data, feedback and/or collaboration.

Poster presentations

A session dedicated to poster presentations will be held on Monday, September 11th from 16h00-17h00. Posters will be displayed throughout the symposium. Presenters should hand over their posters to the poster venue technician on Sunday, September 10th at the Ice-breaker function through to early Monday, September 11th (no later than 08h00). Standard poster size is A0 (1189x841mm). Each poster should contain the title, author(s) name and address of the presenter (institution, city, country). If possible, attach a passport-sized photograph of the presenter to the upper right hand corner of the poster.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submissions will open 1 January 2017. The final day for submissions will be **31 May 2017**.

Each Presenter will be allowed to give one oral presentation and present one poster. After you register, you will receive an email with the Abstract Submission Guidelines attached. To be considered for an oral and/or poster presentation, Presenters MUST adhere to the guidelines.

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REGISTRATION

Pre-symposium registration

For planning purposes, it is important all participants attending the symposium complete a booking form and pay their registration fees by **14 AUGUST 2017**. Please note that students will be required to provide student ID numbers.

The full registration amount must be paid on registration. Registration fees are payable in South African Rands (ZAR) only.

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Important registration dates

Please make note of the early-bird and late registration dates and costs, below.

REGISTRATION TYPE	DATES	COST
Early-bird Registration	1st January – 1st May 2017	Students : ZAR 700
		Professionals: ZAR 900
Late Registration	2nd May – 14th August 2017	Students : ZAR 850
		Professionals: ZAR 1050

The registration fee covers all program materials, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, daily lunches and public events. Delegates are responsible for all other meals, alcoholic beverages and lodging.

ACCOMMODATION IN HERMANUS

A number of accommodation options are available in Hermanus, from Backpackers to 5-star hotels. Accommodation to suit all budgetary needs can be found within walking distance of the Symposium Venue (Overstrand Municipal Auditorium). Please visit <http://www.hermanus.co.za/where-to-stay> or <https://www.safarinow.com/destinations/hermanus/hub.aspx> for details.

VISAS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

You are responsible for all travel arrangements, including procurement of visas, if necessary, and acquisition of currency sufficient for your stay. A formal letter of invitation for the Southern African Shark & Ray Symposium to help acquire visas or funding is available. If you sharkandraysymposium@gmail.com with the subject line “Invitation letter”.



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**4th Southern African Shark and Ray Symposium Registration Form
11-13 September 2017**

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Venue: Overstrand Civic Auditorium, Hermanus, Western Cape, South Africa

Please complete and submit to sharkandraysymposium@gmail.com

DELEGATE DETAILS							
Surname						Title	
First name(s)							
Institution							
Postal address							
Country				Postal code			
Telephone				Cell			
Email				Fax			
Indicate if you are submitting an abstract for: (deadline 31 May 2017)				Oral Presentation		Poster Session	
				Lightning Presentation			
Dietary needs (Indicate with an X)	None		Vegetarian		Halaal / Kosher		Other (Specify, incl. food allergies)



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration fee includes: Conference bag, access to all scientific sessions, copy of the programme and abstract book (either printed or electronic), morning/afternoon refreshments and lunch on each meeting day, as well as access to public events. A gala dinner is scheduled for the last night of the symposium, and delegates who wish to attend the gala dinner must pay ZAR150 on top of registration fees. Please indicate if you will be bringing a partner to the dinner. Partners will be required to pay ZAR180.

Registration Fee (Please indicate with an X which registration type you fall under)

Registration Type	Before 1 May 2017	From 2 May to 14 August 2017
Professional	R900	R1050
Student	R700	R850

GALA DINNER

Will you be attending the Gala Dinner?	Y/N		Will your partner be attending the Gala Dinner?	Y/N		Total Cost (ZAR)	
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PROPOSED WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

Topic								
Require venue	Y/N		Time-from		Time-to		No. of people	

CONFERENCE T-SHIRT

Please complete the information below if you would like to receive a 2017 Shark and Ray Symposium T-shirt.

Cost per T-shirt: R200

Men's/Ladies (Please indicate)	
Size (Please indicate)	

TRANSPORTATION-AIRPORT SHUTTLES

Please note that all transportation to and from the airport and conference venues will be the sole responsibility of each delegate. A list of recommended shuttles and taxis can be found on [ShowMe Hermanus](#).



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PAYMENT SUMMARY	
Registration fee	ZAR
Gala Dinner	ZAR
T-shirt	ZAR
TOTAL	ZAR

BANK TRANSFER PAYMENT			
Bank name	Absa	Acc name	South African Shark Conservancy
Account #	9284773214	Branch name	Hermanus
Address	67 Main Rd, Hermanus 7200, RSA	Swift code	ABSAZAJJ

Please cite reference as follows SASRS_FullName

Send payment confirmation to: sharkandraysymposium@gmail.com

INVOICE (COMPLETE IF INVOICE IS REQUIRED)			
Surname		Title	
First name			
Organization			
Postal address			
Country		Postal code	
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VAT number			

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