

SANCCOB's Mission Statement

SANCCOB's mission is to protect and conserve Southern Africa's coastal birds, especially threatened species, for the benefit of present and future generations.

SANCCOB meets this mission in the following ways:

Primarily, by the rehabilitation and care of oiled, sick, injured and orphaned coastal birds, then returning them to their natural environment.

Secondarily, by supporting coastal bird research programmes and dissemination of information, raising public awareness through education, raising funds to support and sustain this mission effectively.



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You can help SANCCOB to save South Africa's sea birds by:

- Adopt A Penguin Programme
- Supporting the Rescue Campaign
- Become a member
- Become a volunteer

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SANCCOB is a non-profit sea bird rehabilitation centre that aims to conserve and protect South Africa's vulnerable birds.

SANCCOB's core functions are to treat oiled, injured and sick coastal birds, as well as to hand rear abandoned chicks.

All birds rehabilitated by SANCCOB are released back into the wild to be part of the breeding population.



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SANCCOB's Background

SANCCOB is predominantly responsible for conserving the vulnerable African penguin population along the Southern African coast.



There were about 1.5 million adult African penguins along the southern African coast in the 1930's. Human activities have reduced this number by a staggering 90% in less than a century. The African penguin, together with over a dozen other sea bird species found in South Africa, is considered to be threatened and vulnerable to extinction.

SANCCOB rehabilitates approximately 2 000 seabirds every year. These include African penguins, sea gulls, gannets and cormorants.

The African penguin population is proven to be 19% higher due to the efforts of SANCCOB than it would be in the absence of rehabilitation efforts (Ryan 2002).



Rehabilitation of sea birds



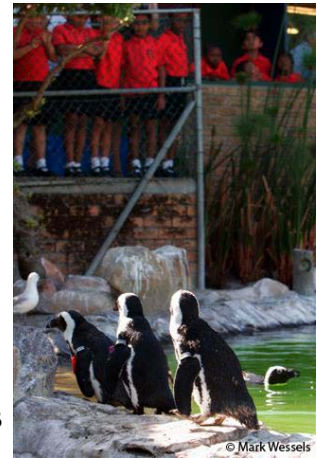
- SANCCOB is world renowned for its successes with rehabilitating oiled African penguins.
- Injured and ill sea birds are also treated by SANCCOB's veterinary team.
- Artificial rearing of orphaned African penguin chicks by SANCCOB is a proven tool to bolster the African penguin population.



Education

SANCCOB has been educating the public about sea bird conservation since its inception in 1968 and has implemented a presentation for visiting school children.

Approximately 1 600 children visit SANCCOB annually. SANCCOB provides guided tours for local and international visitors as part of our continued efforts to raise awareness about the plight of the African penguin and other coastal birds, and to raise additional funds.



Volunteers

With a small staff component, SANCCOB relies heavily on the help of local and International volunteers. Volunteer duties may include handling, feeding, hydrating as well as the washing and rinsing of sea birds.