

SEAmester – South Africa’s First Class Afloat – a report back of the 2016 July cruise

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“SEAmester -South Africa’s Class Afloat” aims to introduce marine science as an applied and cross-disciplinary field to students who have shown an affinity for these core science disciplines. It will combine traditional class-room lectures with hands-on ship-based deck activities for a maximum of 40 students each year; while providing them with an opportunity to support specialist scientists in SANAP recognised marine research activities. Our group comprises of over 30 internationally recognized oceanographic, fisheries and biological experts, who jointly have trained over 600 Southern African students on board a wide variety of international and local research vessels.

This study provides a report back of the success of the very first SEAmester programme on board the SA Agulhas II and presents an overview of both the success stories and challenges faced during the dedicated voyage.