



Who are the students on SEAmester VII?



My name is Elizabeth Carr and I am studying for a BSc Honours degree in Geography at the University of the Free State. I come from Mkhondo (Piet Retief). My passion for the marine environment is due to spending every December holiday at the coast. My hobbies include hiking and playing Ultimate Frisbee. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about marine science and data collection.



My name is Kezia and I am studying for a MSc degree at UCT. I come from Cape Town. My passion for the marine environment is due to my desire to conserve its essential ecosystems. My hobbies include drawing. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on various marine biology techniques and immerse myself in this opportunity.



My name is Tristan. I hold a Master of Science: Environmental Science degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. My passion for the marine environment comes from my interest in sea level change. During this cruise, I wish to learn as much as possible about marine data collection and analysis.



My name is Maqalekana Olwethu and I am an intern at NRF-SAIAB. I come from Tabankulu in Eastern Cape. My passion for the marine environment is due to a combination of awe and appreciation for its beauty and a sense of responsibility for its conservation. My hobbies include photography and swimming. During this cruise I wish to learn on various aspects of marine science.



My name is Clea Welch and I am studying Ocean and Atmosphere Science at UCT. I come from Pretoria and moved to Cape Town in 2019. My passion for the marine environment is due to SCUBA diving. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about research at sea, the skills and techniques required to work with a team of scientists. I hope to gain more hands-on exposure to ocean observation and to be able to apply my theoretical knowledge of the ocean in a practical manner.



My name is Athule and I am currently pursuing a Masters degree at UCT. Originally hailing from Cape Town and the Eastern Cape, my passion for the marine environment stems from my deep-rooted interest in meteorology and the intricate dynamics between the ocean and the atmosphere. Beyond academics, my hobbies span a diverse range of activities, including sports such as football, chess, athletics, cycling, and boxing, as well as indulging in the captivating narratives found within journals and novels.



My name is Danielle Roach and I am currently in my second year of my MSc Degree at the University of the Western Cape. I come from Mitchell's Plain on the Cape Flats. I've always had an interest and a connection to the ocean and felt the need to protect it. I always lit up when learning about the ocean, whether it was on television or at school, and during this cruise, I would like to learn as much as possible on the tools and techniques, which are used by Marine Biologists in the field to conduct their research.



My name is Alwande, and I am studying for a Master's degree in Marine Biology at ORI and UKZN. I come from Pietermaritzburg. My passion for the marine environment is due to countless times spent at the beach, which later started my lifelong fascination with the ocean and in wanting to educate people about the importance of ocean conservation. My hobbies include volunteering and cycling. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on the practical skills and sampling techniques used in marine research.



My name is Yolanda Makgale and I am studying Advanced Remote Sensing and GIS at University of Fort Hare. I come from a village named Bapong in the North West province. My passion for the marine environment is due to a module I did on animal form and its function. We were taught about different marine animals and their behaviour. My hobbies include reading, writing as well as cooking. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about the effects of climate change on the ocean as well as the application of GIS on oceanography.



My name is Kelsey and I am studying for a Master's degree in environmental management with emphasis on marine parasites at the North-West University. I come from Johannesburg and grew up in a loving family with my younger brother. My passion for the marine environment is due to the beautiful organisms and insane mystery and my love for animals and nature all together. My hobbies include hiking, dancing and spending time with friends. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on the instruments used for marine science.



My name is Sabrina Sykes and I am studying a PhD degree at Nelson Mandela University. My passion for the marine environment is due to cetacean research. My hobbies include cycling, scuba-diving and kite-surfing. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about sampling and benthic fauna.



My name is Olivia and I am doing my MSc in Environmental & Geographical Science at UCT. My passion for the marine environment stems from my interest in ocean dynamics and its interconnectedness with the atmosphere and climate. My hobbies include surfing, snorkelling and art. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about the impacts of climate change on the ocean and the biogeochemistry of the marine carbon cycle.



My name is Alice and I am studying an Earth Science MSc degree with a specialisation in Marine Geochemistry at Stellenbosch University. I come from Durban. My passion for the marine environment is due to my love for the ocean and environment. My hobbies include swimming and hiking/running trails. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on Ocean Dynamics and the Carbon Cycle.



My name is Anele Mahlangu, I am studying for a MSc in Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at UCT. I come from a small rural area, Siyabuswa in Mpumalanga. I did my BSc (Hons) in Biological Sciences at Wits. That is when I fell in love with research. My passion for the marine environment is due to its significant influence on Earth's climate, ecosystems, and overall well-being. My hobbies include listening to music and watching movies. I wish to learn as much as possible on oceanographic research methodologies and analytical tools.



My name is Summaya Dube, and I am studying for an MSc in Biological Oceanography at NMU. I come from Rustenburg. My passion for the marine environment is due to its captivating biodiversity and ecological complexity. My hobbies include hiking, reading, baking and learning new skills. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about sampling methods, laboratory techniques and the basics on how our oceans shape our global ecosystems.



My name is Zenzè and I am studying for a Master's degree at UWC. I come from Cape Town. My passion for the marine environment is due to my love for water and the environment. My hobbies include swimming and hiking. During this cruise, I wish to learn as much as possible on various sampling techniques.



My name is Elelwani Nemanashi and I am studying for a Post Graduate Diploma in Marine Sciences at Cape Peninsula University of Technology. I come from Limpopo, Thohoyandou. I don't want to lie and say "I had passion for marine science" when I first enrolled for it because I come from a Province where there is no ocean. However, I enrolled for it because of pure curiosity!



I'm Di-Anne Wyngaard, pursuing an Advanced Diploma in Marine Sciences at CPUT. My passion for the marine environment stems from volunteering at SANCCOB since 2019. Hiking is my hobby. During the cruise, I aim to understand marine ecosystems, ocean dynamics, and how to operate oceanic instruments I've never used before.



My name is Andrew Meiklejohn and I am studying for a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at Rhodes University. I come from Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape. My passion for the marine environment is due to being a long-time fishermen and studying Ichthyology at Rhodes up to a Masters level. My hobbies include fishing, trail running, rowing and mountain biking. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about oceanography.



I am Liam Taylor and studying for an MSc in Ecology at Wits University. My passion for the marine environment stems from my first sighting of a photosynthetic nudibranch from a KZN rockpool. My hobbies include photography and birding. I wish to learn as much as possible about conservation opportunities/careers I can steer my future towards.



My name is Rishi Prag and I am currently completing an MSc in EGS at UCT. I come from Cape Town. My passion for the marine environment started from being surrounded by the ocean from a young age and my degree has allowed me to further my knowledge of marine geoscientific research. My hobbies include photography, hiking and art. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on both the processes behind data sampling and to better understand ocean current dynamics.



My name is Aurelia, and I am studying for a Btech in Marine Science at CPUT. I come from Gauteng. My passion for the marine environment stems from childhood explorations along the coast. I like researching marine ecosystems. I wish to learn as much as possible about using ocean instruments.



My name is Sikelelwa Mtyenene and I am studying for Advanced Diploma in Marine Science at CPUT. I come from the Cape flats in Mitchell's Plain. My passion for the marine environment is due to the interesting science that happens in all aspects of the marine ecosystems. My hobbies include singing, reading books, cooking, baking and dancing.



My name is Amanda and I am studying for an honours degree at the University of Zululand. I come from Ntshongweni. My passion for the marine environment stems from my love for animals. My hobbies include reading. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on marine instrumentation.



I am Emma and studying towards my Honours in Zoology at UP. I am from East London. My passion for the marine environment stems from spending my childhood visiting the ocean every day. I have a deep love for the ocean and have always felt the need to protect it. My hobbies include running with my dogs and teaching underprivileged kids about conservation.



Hi I am Tyla Goldman and I am from Cape Town. Currently I'm a DFFE intern, where I have initiated data collection for my MSc project that I shall be registering in 2025 (Zoology, Rhodes University). My passion for the marine environment stems from my grandfather's background as a fisherman. My hobbies include birding, camping and restaurant-hopping.



My name is Ayanda Mogalekwena and I am studying for an Msc (Zoology) degree at the University of Fort Hare. I come from Katlehong. My passion for the marine environment is due to declining fisheries. My hobbies include reading. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on oceanography.



My name is Nolizwi Diko and I am studying for an MSc in Applied Remote Sensing and GIS at UFH. I come from Kokstad in KZN. My passion for the marine environment is due to understanding the dynamics of marine biology and how they function. My hobbies include listening to podcasts and engaging in debates with classmates. During this cruise, I wish to learn about the significance of marine biology and climate change impacts on the ocean.



My name is Effort Maguta and I am studying an MSc in Animal Science at University of Fort Hare. I come from Zimbabwe. My passion for the marine environment is due to its importance in the air that we breathe. My hobbies include hiking and chess.



My name is Frengelinah Mamabolo and I am studying for an MSc at the University of Mpumalanga. I come from Pretoria. My passion for the marine environment is due to it supporting biological life. My hobbies include photography and swimming and during this cruise I hope to learn as much as possible about life in the sea!



My name is Lilita and I am studying at CPUT a Marine Science degree. I come from Malmesbury. My passion is due to my desire to understand an environment that is vast and vital for life, yet little is known about. My hobbies include swimming, netball, writing and listening to inspiring stories and music. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible!



My name is Nasiphi and I am studying for a BSc Zoology Honours degree at the University of Fort Hare. I come from Mqanduli. My passion for the marine environment is due to a conservation biology module I did in my last year of my undergraduate studies. My hobbies include baking, reading and experimenting with different art forms. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on ocean productivity, microplastics, eDNA and the use of various instruments to obtain data.



My name is Kiara and I am an intern at WILDTRUST, working towards securing the protection for sharks and rays. I'm from KwaZulu-Natal. My passion for the marine environment stems from early fishing trips with my grandfather. My hobbies include reading and drawing. During this cruise I wish to learn about applied marine science.



My name is Marenique Smit, and I am studying for an Honour's degree in Biochemistry at Stellenbosch University. I come originally from Vereeniging. My passion for the marine environment is due to ocean biochemistry specifically osmoregulation of marine organisms. My hobbies include reading, hiking, and swimming. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on ocean chemistry.



My name is Ivana Schäfer and I am studying for an MSc in Marine Biology at UCT. I come from Bloubergstrand. My passion for the marine environment is due to an early exposure to the marine world, which led to me applying for a grade 5 course with the Marine Science Academy. My hobbies include drumming, bodyboarding, boxing, and reading. During this cruise I wish to learn about the day-to-day responsibilities of a ship-based marine researcher.



I am Kezia Dreyer and I'm doing my MSc on estuarine carbon stocks at UWC. My passion for the marine environment has always been a part of me. My hobbies include freediving, skateboarding, scuba diving and painting. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about open ocean marine science.



My name is Munwai Mukonazwothe and I am studying for an Honours degree in Microbiology at the University of Venda. I come from Thohoyandou Limpopo. My passion for the marine environment is due to my research topic. My hobbies include reading books and playing chess. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on data analysis and how to use ship-based equipment.



I am Julia Kanyemba, a Biodiversity Management (MSc) graduate from University of Namibia. I come from Windhoek, Namibia. My devotion to the marine environment stems from the urgent issues plaguing our oceans in Namibia, including climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. I enjoy travelling and reading. I am eager to expand my knowledge on data collection, devices/instruments and data analysis during this cruise.



My name is Emihle Joja and I have studied for a Marine Science degree at CPUT. I come from the Eastern Cape. My passion for the marine environment is due to my curiosity about the environment. My hobbies include reading and games. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on marine research techniques.



My name is Ulrich Bilounga and I am from Cameroon. I am a PhD student at the University of Douala and have joined SEAmester as a POGO and @seaNetwork intern. I am amazed by the ocean. Reading, listening to music and being surrounded by nature are my hobbies. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible on instrumentation, data acquisition and analysis.



My name is Thelma Kadiramwando and I am studying for a Btech in analytical chemistry at the University of Johannesburg. I come from Johannesburg. My passion for the marine environment is due to my love for water. My hobbies include running and dancing. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about the Tools of the Trade.



My name is Nozizwe Mtshali and I am studying for a Master's degree in Environmental science at the University of Kwazulu-Natal. My passion for the marine environment is due to my interest in sea-level change. During this cruise, I wish to learn as much as possible about change in the ocean.



My name is Pamoda and I am studying for a Marine and Freshwater Sciences degree at University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. I am a POGO and @seaNetwork intern. I come from Sri Lanka. I love marine environment due to high diversity. My hobbies include marine conservation. During this cruise I wish to learn about ocean and tools of the trade.



My name is Tamara Venter and I am studying for a BSc Hons in Environmental science at NWU. I'm from the South coast, KZN. I have always had a passion for the ocean, from a young age. My hobbies include diving, photography, reading and hiking. I wish to learn as much as possible on oceanographic tools of trade.



My name is Donnella le Roux and I am studying for a BSc Honours degree in EGS at UCT. I come from Johannesburg. My passion for the marine environment is due to my background in environmental sciences, which has shown me the importance of a healthy, functioning ocean to the future survival of all. My hobbies include scuba diving, and hiking. I volunteer at the Two Oceans Aquarium in the turtle conservation centre and for Faunalytics. During this cruise I wish to learn as much as possible about marine conservation.

Who are the learners on SEAmester VII?



My name is Aimee Stollie and I am a learner in marine science at Morester Akademie in Vanrhynsdorp. The SA Agulhas II, a South African research vessel, enables crucial oceanographic studies, advancing our knowledge of marine ecosystems and the environment. As an eager learner, I aim to seize this opportunity to expand my horizons, gain hands-on experience, and contribute to collaborative research efforts.



My name is Akhona Zondo and I am a learner studying marine science at the Simons Town school. The ocean's mysteries fascinate me, and SEAmester offers a transformative opportunity to explore marine sciences, break barriers, and inspire my community through hands-on learning and research aboard the SA Agulhas II.



My name is Makgotlho Kwena Oratile, and I am a 16-year-old Grade 11 learner at Alfred B Makapan Secondary School in Mokopane, Mosesetjane Village. I am studying mathematics and sciences, and after matriculation, I aspire to study marine biology at the University of Cape Town. I have a passion for athletics, particularly the 1500m race. During my free time, I enjoy playing soccer with the children in my neighbourhood.



My name is Molonyama Mpono Leon, and I am a 17-year-old Grade 11 student at Alfred B Makapan Secondary School in Mokopane, Ga Magongoa Section. I am currently studying mathematics and science subjects, and after matriculation, I aspire to pursue a degree in marine engineering at the University of Cape Town. In my free time, I enjoy playing soccer with my friends and teammates, exercising at home, listening to music, and indulging in delicious food.