



APRIL eBULLETIN

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40th Anniversary of Earth Day

22 April 2010

Forty years after the first Earth Day, the world is in greater peril than ever. While climate change is the greatest challenge of our time, it also presents the greatest opportunity – an unprecedented opportunity to build a healthy, prosperous, clean energy economy now and for the future.

Earth Day 2010 can be a turning point to advance climate policy, energy efficiency, renewable energy and green jobs. Earth Day Network is galvanizing millions who make personal commitments to sustainability. Earth Day 2010 is a pivotal opportunity for individuals, corporations and governments to join together and create a global green economy. Join the more than one billion people in 190 countries that are taking action for Earth Day.

"In 1488 Bartolomeu Dias turned back after he failed to reach the East in search of a trading route. On his return journey he passed a certain flat piece of land on the 16 May. He named it "Ponte de Sao Brendao" after an Irish monk, St Brendan, whose festival day it was.

LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

As from 1 April 2010 the Lighthouse Museum and Tower entry fees were revised following a two-year period in which the fees remained unchanged. The new fees are as follows: Adults - R17.00; Children (2-11 yr) - R8.50



RESTCAMP NEWS

With the rest camp nearing completion the arduous task of appointing a team of not only suitably qualified individuals, but also passionate staff, has commenced. The following staff have been appointed thus far – Derick Strydom (Rest Camp Manager), Betsie Graaff (Receptionist), Agnes Adams, Alecene Windvogel, Ilse Ahrends (Hut attendants) and Steven Murtz (General worker).

The further postponement of the long awaited opening of the magnificent new rest camp comes on the back of unforeseen circumstances, weather conditions and other factors. At this stage it is expected that the rest camp will be operational for the Spring Season.





SOUTHERN TIP

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism in conjunction with the South African National Parks launched an “Ideas Competition”, inviting continent-wide entrants to submit ideas for the development of an iconic structure to symbolise the significance of the Southernmost Tip of Africa. Minister Alan Winde will announce the winner officially at the launch of the boardwalk on 16 April 2010.

SOUTHERN TIP DAY

Diarise 14 to 16 May for a fun week-end of various activities in L’Agulhas and Struisbaai to commemorate Bartholomeu Dias’ first sighting of the Southern Tip landmass and the lives lost through shipwrecks on the Cape Agulhas coast.

EVENTS:

APRIL - INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR BIODIVERSITY

BIODIVERSITY IS FOOD & FUEL: Give a thought to how biodiversity benefits agriculture and fisheries, the need for genetic variability to sustain agriculture, how we depend on biodiversity for energy.

May, 3-8 National Bird Week

May, 8 Ostrich and Big Bird count

Sites: Saltpans, Wetlands, Nuwejaars River, BergplaasHangnes area, Rietfontein, Melkbospan, Ratelrivier. Contact: E. De Kock, 028-4356078, E. Cassani, 084 3705255

LIFE AFTER A DEVASTATING FIRE

06-12-2009 Barren landscape



03-04-2010 Veld starting to show new life





BIRDLIFE STRANDVELD TO BECOME ACTIVE

A decision to start with formal bird club activities for BirdLife Strandveld was taken at a meeting held in Bredasdorp on Tuesday 13 April 2010. BirdLife Strandveld will cater for the towns of Napier, Bredasdorp, Arniston, Struisbaai, Agulhas and Elim, an area that hosts top bird-watching destinations such as the Agulhas National Park, the De Hoop and De Mond nature reserves, the Heuningnes river and estuary system and parts of the Overberg Wheatbelt. The club will initially be a satellite branch of BirdLife Overberg, thus contributing to the development of a network of seven birding clusters throughout the Overberg region of the Western Cape Province.



Agulhas Long-billed Lark

The following members were elected to serve on the committee:

- Etienne van Heerden (Chairperson),
- Cornelia van Rooyen (Membership Secretary),
- Nick Weber (Treasurer),
- Eddie Cassani (Conservation, AGP Honorary Rangers),
- Esna Swart (BirdLife Strandveld website).
- Emmerentia de Kock (Communications, ANP).

This is an open invitation to all people interested in the welfare of birds and their habitats in the Agulhas municipal region to become involved in the activities of BirdLife Strandveld. Contact Etienne van Heerden at evh@absamail.co.za or 0829296904

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