

## Programme

15 to 20 September 2019

Venue: Gourikwa Reserve, 15 Buffelshoek, Gouritsmond, 6696  
Western Cape, South Africa  
<https://gourikwa.co.za/>

### Sunday, 15 September

Arrivals at George airport (GRJ) and transfers to hotel

Registration and check in on arrival

### **18:00 Dinner**

### Monday, 16 September

08:00 Welcome by Mr Willem Botha, Chairman of the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve (GCBR)

08:15 Opening remarks by Provincial Government, South Africa

08:30 Address by Mr Vongani Maringa as representative of the Chairperson of the National MAB Committee, South Africa

08:45 Address by Dr Miguel Clüsener-Godt

*Director: Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences | Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO, France*

09:30 Presentation by guest speaker Dr Enrico Gennari

*Director of Research – Oceans Research Institute, South Africa*

**“What Shark Conservation means to me in relation to the conservation issue and how to conserve South Africa’s unique marine biodiversity, in particular in relation to sharks, and what it will take to make a difference in the future”**

10:00 Introduction of presentations by [Mr Jürgen Rahmel, Lower Saxon Wadden Sea, Germany](#)

### General presentations

10:15 Major activities of World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves 2018-2019  
[Mr Kwang Sub Jang, Jeju Secretariat, Republic of Korea](#)

10:30 The MAB programme in Spain  
[Ms Virginia Estévez Adán, National Parks Autonomous Agency \(OAPN\), Ministry for the Ecological Transition Spain](#)

### 10:45 *Coffee break*

11:15 Introduction of thematic presentations by Mr Jürgen Rahmel, Lower Saxon Wadden Sea

### Session 1: Biodiversity management, resilience and ecosystem restoration

11:30 The value of island and coastal biosphere reserves as a source of carbon sink (research proposal)  
[Dr Dai-Yeun Jeong, Jeju Secretariat, Republic of Korea](#)

11:45 Managing imbalanced environments towards an ecologically and socially harmonious state  
[Ms Amaany Habeeb, Conservation Officer, Fuvahmulah Nature Park Ministry of Environment, Republic of Maldives](#)

12:00 Coastal wetlands, coexistence with sun and beach tourism. New challenges facing climate change in the BR of Fuerteventura  
[Mr Antonio Gallardo, Reserva de Biosfera de Fuerteventura, Spain](#)

12:15 Q&A

### 12:45 *Lunch*

14:30 Visit through and around Gourikwa Reserve with Dr Jan De Vynck, Fellow at the African Centre for Coastal Palaeoscience (ACCP), Nelson Mandela University – **“Discovering pre-historic useful plants and coastal resources”**

17:00 Sundowners at scenic lookout point

**19:00 Dinner experience:** incorporating certain indigenous edible plants into the food, together with wine tasting by Jakkalsvlei Wines at Gourikwa Reserve

### Tuesday, 17 September

09:00 Presentation by the GCBR with Ms Wendy Crane and Ms Luami Zondagh

09:30 Introduction of thematic presentations Mr Toomas Kokovkin, Estonia

### **Session 2: Environmental vectors (energy, water and waste) and climate change**

09:45 Zero Plastiko Urdaibai: an initiative in relation to public awareness about waste on the littoral of Urdaibai biosphere reserve (Basque country)

[Mr Manu Monge-Ganzuzas, Service of Urdaibai biosphere reserve | Directorate of Natural Heritage and Climate Change | Environment, Territorial Planning and Housing Department, Basque Government, Spain](#)

10:00 Introduction of thematic presentations by Mr Toomas Kokovkin, Estonia

### **Session 3: Marine management**

10:15 Marine research and conservation in the islands and coastal areas

[Dr Bum Sik Min, Korea National Park Service, Republic of Korea](#)

### **10:30 Coffee break**

11:00 Introduction of thematic presentations by Mr Toomas Kokovkin, Estonia

### **Session 4: Population and local development**

11:15 Disaster recovery through youth engagement in Kuchino-erabu Jima island, Japan

[Dr Toshinori Tanaka, Advisor to Yakushima and Kuchinoerabu Jima Biosphere Reserve | Associate Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan](#)

- 11:30 The Green Commander Islands  
[Ms Anastasia Barsukova, the Commander Islands Nature and Biosphere Reserve, Russia](#)
- 11:45 Facing climate change through food local production and public awareness  
[Mr Carlos Vales Vázquez, Mariñas Coruñesas e Terras do Mandeo Biosphere Reserve, Spain](#)
- 12:00 Q&A
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 13:30 Transfer to field visit
- 15:00 The GCBR's Goukou Resilient River Project with Ms Rita Botha and Ms Kezia Botes
- 17:00 Return to hotel
- 18:30 Arrive at hotel
- 19:00 **Dinner and evening entertainment** with Mr Peter Engelbrecht

### Wednesday, 18 September

- 08:30 Presentation by guest speaker Dr Peter Nilssen, Archaeologist and Specialist Heritage Practitioner – **“Human behaviour and the human-nature-ocean connection with reference to archaeological discoveries”**
- 09:00 Introduction of thematic presentations by Dr Bianca Currie, South Africa

#### **Session 5: Tourism**

- 09:15 Evolution of beach surface availability in a context of overpopulation and climate change. Menorca Island 1956-2018  
[Mr David Carreras, Socio Environmental Observatory of Menorca, Menorca](#)
- 09:30 Gran Canaria Biosphere Reserve, ECOTOUR Project  
[Mr Ricardo Haroun, Gran Canaria Biosphere Reserve, Spain](#)
- 09:45 Great Sandy Biosphere  
[Ms Sheila Charlesworth, Great Sandy Biosphere Reserve, Australia](#)
- 10:00 Q&A

**10:30 Coffee break**

11:00 Working session on the Zero Plastic Working Group

11:30 The Fund-in-Trust Steering Committee meeting with UNESCO MAB and Joint Secretariats only [breakaway room]

**11:45 Lunch for delegates**

**12:45 Lunch for UNESCO MAB and Joint Secretariats on route to social activity**

12:45 Transfer to Garden Route Game Reserve, Albertinia

14:00 Game drive with drinks and snacks

16:00 At leisure (guided tour of the property - reptile centre and skull garden. Own activities – water hole, bird walk)

**18:00 Boma braai dinner**

20:30 Return to hotel

Thursday, 19 September

08:00 Address by Hessequa Local Municipality, Western Cape Government

08:30 Participatory process: working plan of the WNICBR (2018-2022)

**10:00 Coffee break**

10:00 UNESCO and Joint Secretariat formalities: newly incorporated member and closing session with UNESCO, Jeju, Menorca, Spain and Republic of Korea only [breakaway room]

10:30 Closing session by UNESCO and Joint Secretariat

11:00 Transfer to field visit

12:30 Visits in Stilbaai with Dr Jan De Vynck – **“Pre-historic technologies, symbolism and creative expression: how we became us”**

**14:00 Lunch at The Press Room**



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15:30 Gin tasting at Inverroche

17:00 Return to hotel

**19:00 *Dinner and evening entertainment*** – Rhythm Tides with Mr Ronan Skillen and Mr Shaun Johannes

### Friday, 20 September

06:30 First airport transfers

07:30 Hotel check out

10:00 Second airport transfers

**10:30 *Coffee break***

**12:00 *Lunch***

14:00 Third airport transfers



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