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" We are the first generation with tools to understand changes in the Earth's system caused by human activity, and the last with the opportunity to influence the course of many of the changes now rapidly under way "

Peter Vitousek, Stanford University 1997



Welcome to the seventh edition of the DLIST Newsletter! After a long absence the Newsletter is back and hoping to bring you regular updates during 2010! We are excited about the new Benguela Current Commission (BCC). We have undertaken interesting activities and challenges the commission envisages for the year ahead. This issue of the DLIST Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystem. The new DLIST replicates all the successes of the DLIST-Benguela project and builds on them. The region DLIST aims to focus more intensely on community participation in the

This issue is also filled with other interesting articles. Read about the coastal areas currently undergoing a process. The process has been hailed as a remarkable example of a policy initiative, one in which Government and civil society have joined hands to prevent the optimal use of our coastal areas. The article is also available online. You can read about the new online courses DLIST has developed together with its exciting stakeholder participation course. Other interesting articles include a report on the coastal Mozambican town of Vilankulos and a soon to be published report on the Richtersveld region of South Africa.

For those of you who are still unfamiliar with the DLIST (Distance Learning Initiative) project, it is an initiative that was started in 1998. The team realised that the sharing of information is a challenge, especially for grass-roots communities. DLIST provides information to and from a variety of sources and target audiences. DLIST focuses on the BCLME region, and beyond. Through the DLIST web-based platform and other channels such as radio, film festivals and partnering with relevant stakeholders, we provide an opportunity to have their voices heard and to be informed on what their region is doing.

The newsletter presently goes to all registered DLIST users, as well as many other interested parties. If you would like to learn more on DLIST, you can [find out here](#). If you would like to see the newsletter articles, please write to our team at admin@dlist-benguela.org.

Best regards The DLIST-benguela Team

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The countries of South Africa, Namibia and Angola have a coastline that is both valuable and also sustains the small rural communities of the region from local communities to globally funded projects that are sustainable and will benefit all stakeholders. This article is the result of interviews undertaken with key players in the Benguela Current Commission government. We asked them about the roles they play in the region.

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After successfully piloting the DLIST project along the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME), a new DLIST has been developed for the Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystem (ASCLME). The new DLIST will continue with all the same goals as the previous one, but that the agenda of the people on the ground is highlighted in the new DLIST.

IN THE NEWS

Namibia Issues in an All Inclusive Coastal Policy The Green Paper for the Namibian Coastal Policy Process has been finalised and has been made available to the public. It is a very important document for a country with such a unique environment and a coastline with such immense potential. The coastal policy process has done a commendable job in developing a human centred approach to managing the coast and its resources. People are after all still the primary influence on how coastal resources are used... This article highlights the approaches used to ensure an all inclusive coastal policy.

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Ompango Yominkulofuta yaNamibia In further reaching out to communities, our article on the Namibian coastal policy process is the first DLIST article to be translated into Oshiwambo. For those who are interested, read it here!

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New Courses on Offer!

The DLIST stakeholder participation course has just completed its second successful run. One of the course's successes was found in the fact that it brought together a group of people from various sectors to converse with one another, share and learn about the importance and usefulness of a proper stakeholder participation process. The course is useful to anyone who is interested in the general process of stakeholder participation and is open to anyone. In response to the increasing pressures that industries are placing on our environment, the Polytechnic of Namibia has also developed a Cleaner Production course specifically aimed at engineering students. Keep an eye on DLIST for further upcoming exciting courses!

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Sustainable Tourism in Mozambique The coastal Mozambican tourism industry is a way of boosting the local economies of its cities, the fact that if a symbiotic relationship between conservation and tourism can be maintained, the current pressure for development can be properly managed. A tall as...

Folk knowledge, traditional wisdom or indigenous knowledge... the knowledge often the basis for local-level decision making in areas such as agricultural practices and how can we rediscover them? Read on to find out more. We have found ways to conserve their heritage.

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

Madagascar: Biodiversity as a Victim of the Political Crisis An active DLIST user from Madagascar reports on the effect the country's political crisis has on the country's valuable National Parks – Mosoala and Marjejy continues. Read more [\[visit thread \]](#)

The Role of Protected Areas in Coping with Climate Change With the recent groundbreaking climate summit held in Copenhagen, DLIS importance of not losing sight of the people on the ground whose lives are affected on a daily basis by climate change. [[visit thread](#)]

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DLIS users from three different continents discuss sources of land based and marine pollution, especially over the festive season and share pos

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