# Institute for Coastal and Marine Research (CMR)

#### Engagement Activities : May 2017

Director: Prof Janine Adams







- ♦ 40 years of coastal research UPE in the early 70's
- Institute for Coastal Research established 1983
  - Funded by DEA, later SAB, environmental consulting
- Establishment of CMR university-wide, reporting to the DVC: R&E



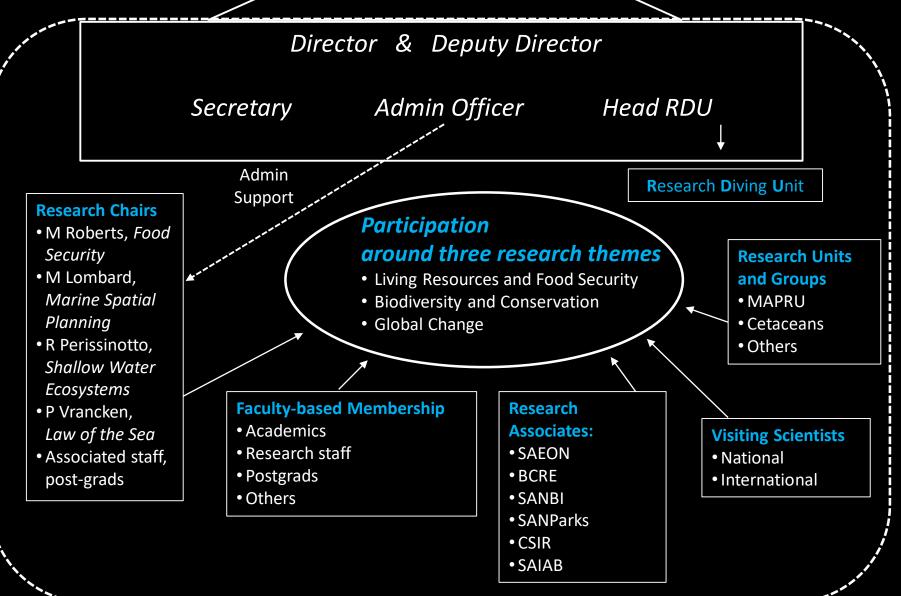
#### Vision

Be a leading marine sciences institute, conducting cutting-edge research, building capacity and advancing our understanding of the coastal & marine environment, to serve the needs of South Africa, the continent and beyond in a sustainable manner.

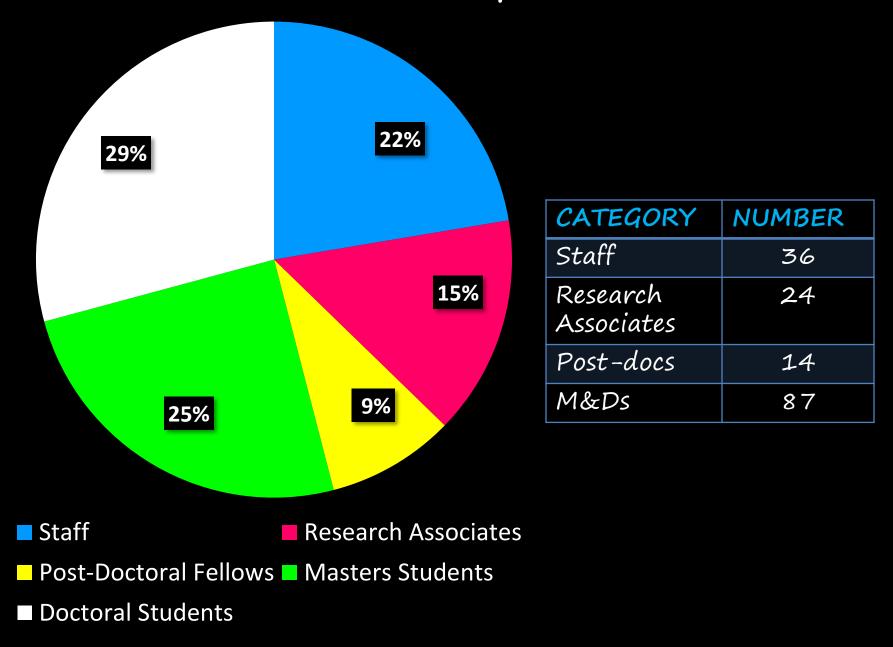


#### CMR

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#### 2016 Membership: 161





#### Research

- Interdisciplinary research
- Research Diving Unit

#### Training

*Research-based training* - post-grads

Short courses: diving, estuary management, MPA

#### Consulting

CMR houses broad expertise which can provide community service as commercial consultancies









#### Global Change



Monitoring and understanding *change*, both anthropogenic and natural, and how this impacts coastal and marine systems and human communities dependent on them.

#### Living Resources and Food Security

Studying and developing coastal and marine living *resources* which are, or can be, utilised as food sources, with the emphasis on sustainability.





#### Biodiversity and Conservation Broadly relating to understanding, protecting and managing coastal and marine *ecosystems*, both for conservation and sustainable human use.

### EXTERNAL LINKAGES

#### Numerous external partners both national and international

#### National

Close linkages with SAEON, Bayworld/BCRE, SAIAB, DEA: Oceans & Coasts, SANParks, SAIMI, CSIR, Ezemvelo-KZN Wildlife, isiMangaliso wetland park

#### International

Links exist with institutions in Norway, France, Sweden, UK (Southampton, Plymouth – research and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Ocean studies group).



Arctic Ocean



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Japan South Korea

Australia

Papua New Guinea

New Zealand

Indonesia

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#### Policy / Public Awareness

- Civil society and marine spatial planning
- Draft MSP Bill, and the 21 proposed new marine protected areas
- Estuary Management Plans
- Input to IUCN red list of species
- Identification of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (in the Benguela Current region)

#### Government

Part-time students: DEA, DWS, SANBI, DAFF



# ENGAGEMENT BENEFICIARIES

- ◆ Local government : Nelson Mandela Metro, Kouga, eThekweni
- *Provincial government* : DEDEA, Western Cape
- ♦ National government : DEA, DW&S, DAFF
- International : Ramsar, Nairobi and Abidjan Conventions
- Conservation authorities: SANParks, CapeNature, Eastern Cape Parks, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
- Public, Learners

# Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans & Coasts

Coastal management

Integrated Coastal Management Act

Department of Environmental Affairs : SANBI
Conservation & biodiversity protection plans

National Biodiversity Act

#### Department of Water & Sanitation

Ecological water requirements of estuaries
National Water Act





<u>Institute for Coastal and</u> <u>Marine Research</u> Symposium

Date:20 April 2017Venue:NMMU South Campus Senate

<u>Time:</u> 08:30 - 16:00

**Objective:** Showcase the impact of CMR research across various disciplines and faculties

#### <u>Themes to Discuss:</u>

- \* Global Change
- Living Resources & Food Security
- \* Biodiversity & Conservation





# Three sessions 23 presentations Four research chairs presenting SRU, Paleoscience, four Faculties

 <u>Participants</u>: DEDEA, CDC, Business Chamber, Press, Nelson Mandela Metro, DAFF, SAEON, Transnet, SST



# BENEFITS OF ENGAGEMENT





- Relevant teaching, learning & research
- Capacity building
- New knowledge & transfer of knowledge
- Student interaction with variety of stakeholders & multi-disciplinary teams
- Quality students
- Networks



# Thank You