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***Pelican Watch  
- the good, the  
bad and the ugly***

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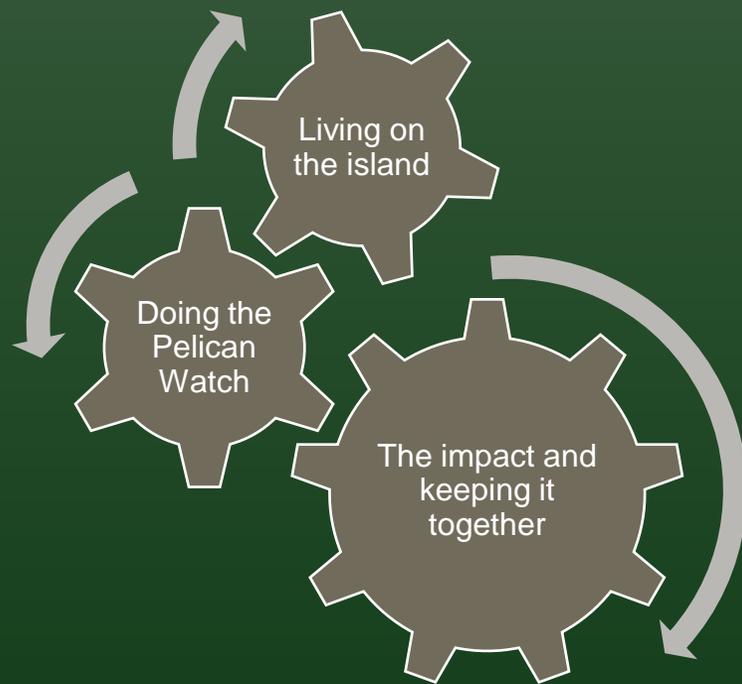


# Dawn





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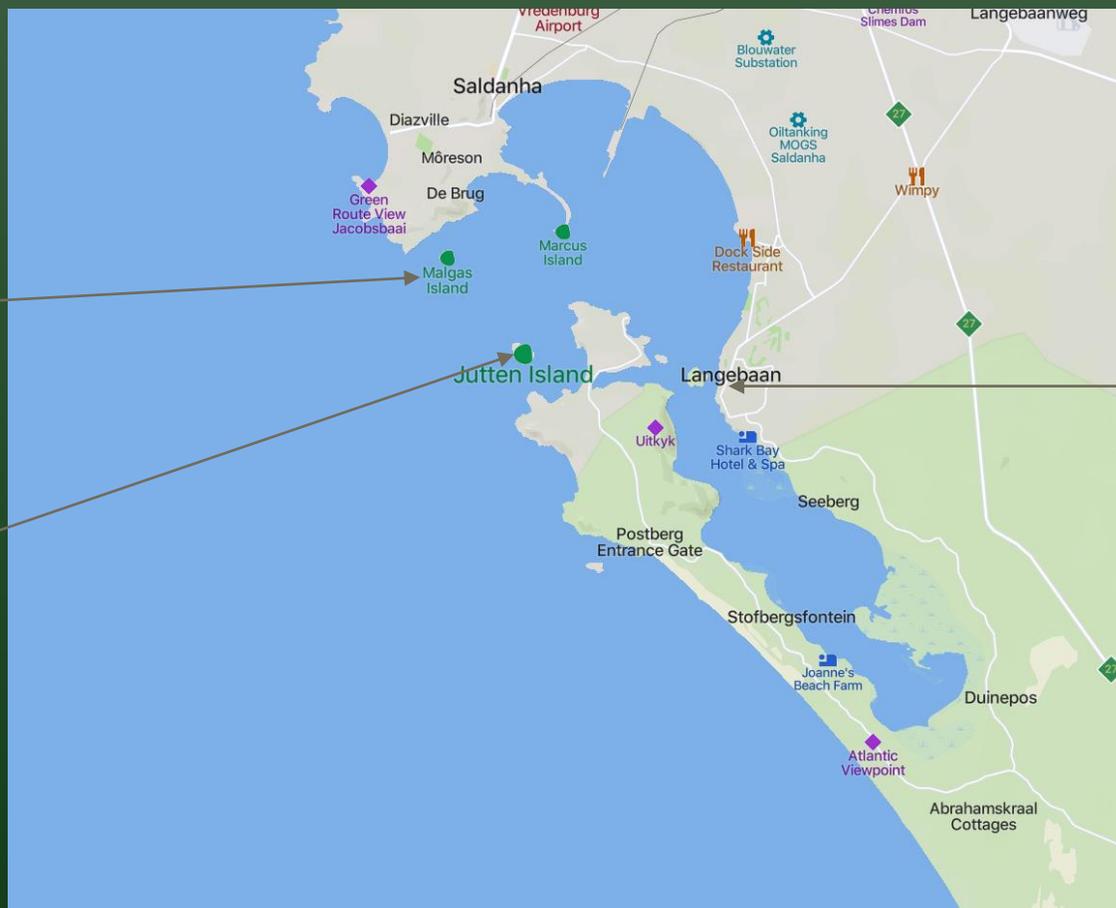


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# SALDANHA BAY



Malgas Island



Park office –  
our departure  
point

Jutten Island





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# JUTTEN ISLAND



Pelican Water

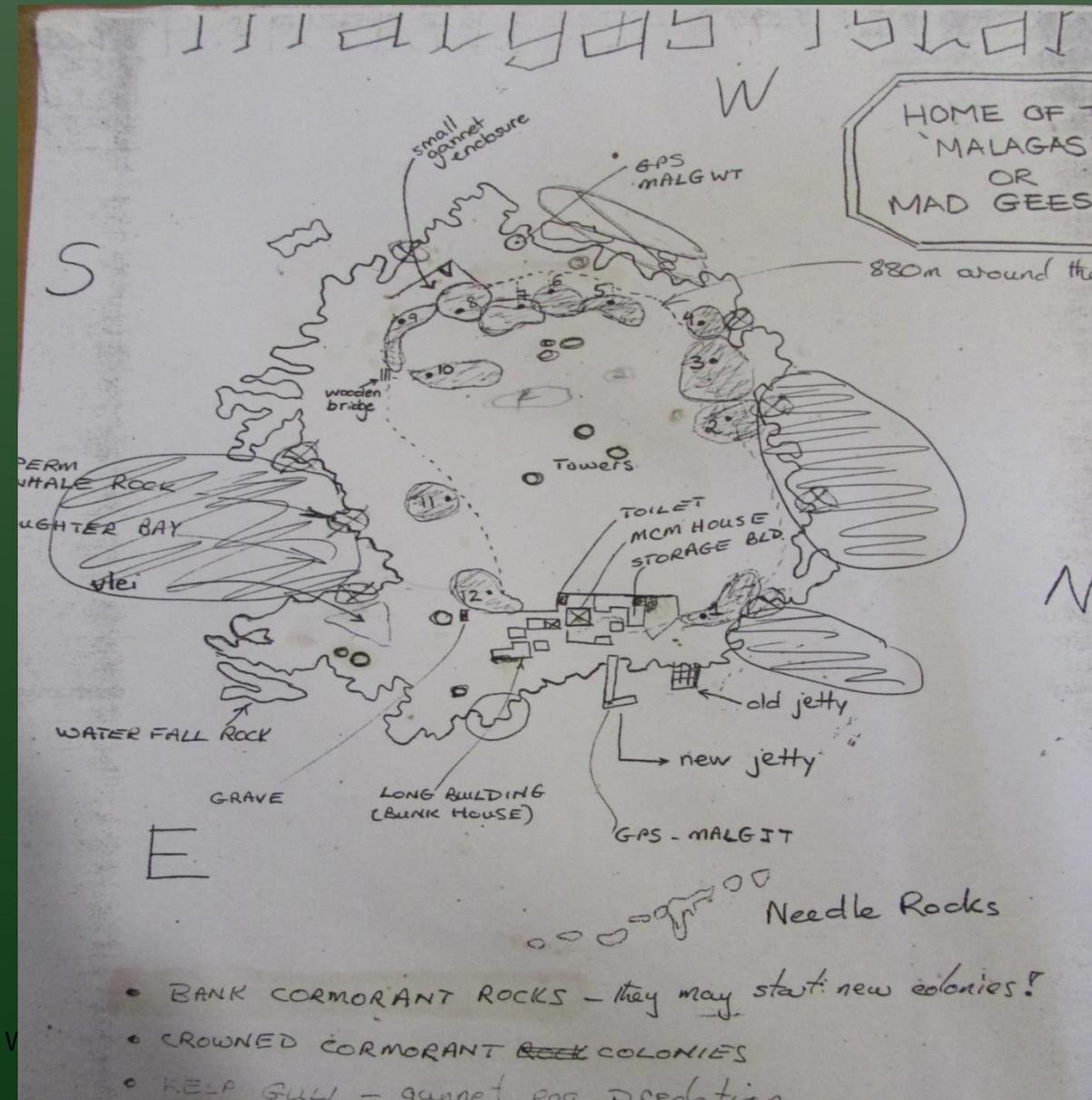
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# MALGAS ISLAND



# The Pelican Watch



# What is Pelican Watch?

## Conservation project

SANParks Honorary Rangers: West Coast Region assist the Marine section of the West Coast National Park during the breeding season from late October to middle February of the colonies of Cape Cormorant and Cape Gannet on the islands

## Major Objectives

- Protect the breeding colonies by chasing the Great White Pelican off the islands
- Monitor the behaviour of the Cape Fur Seal around the islands – and chase off the island
- Provide valuable data to enable scientific decisions on the management of the island colonies

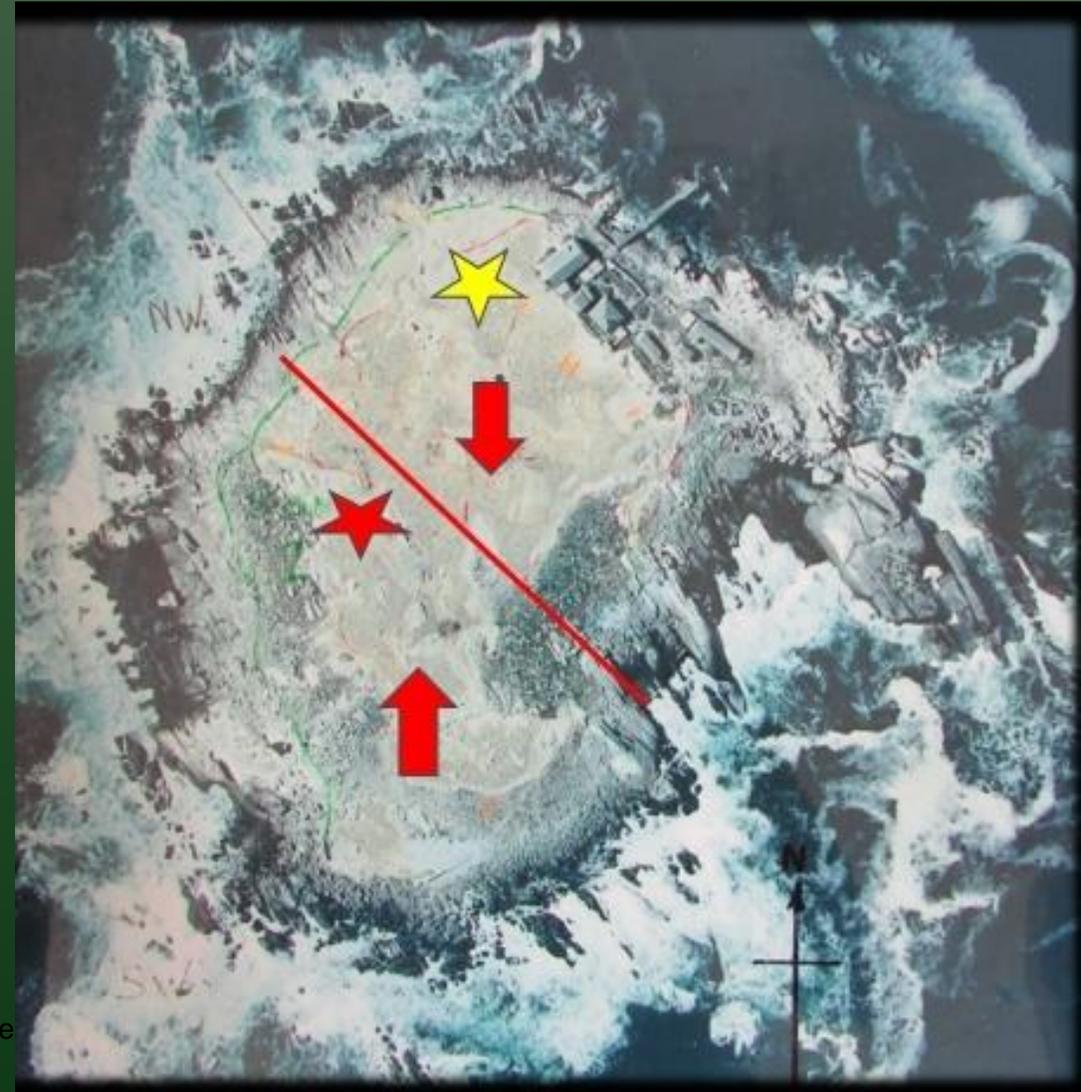


# What is Pelican Watch?

## Humble beginnings

### Doctoral theses

**De Ponte Machado, M.** 2010. Food supplementation, population growth and impacts of Great White Pelicans on breeding seabirds. PhD Thesis, University of Cape Town. Supervisors: Les Underhill, Peter Ryan, Rob Crawford and Rauri Bowie.







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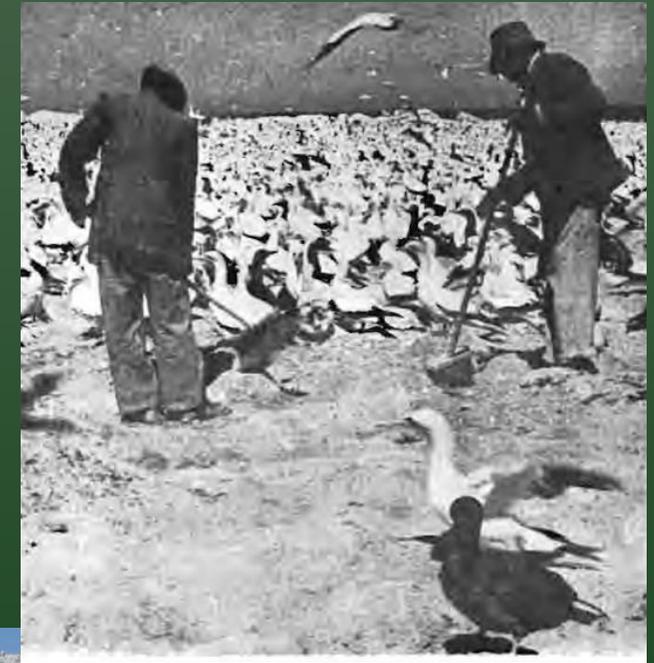
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## Stone walls on the islands



# History....



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# Breakfast on the island





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# Jutten





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# Malgas



# Water, water, water....



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# Gas, gas, gas...

# Solar solar solar....



# Communication?



# Communing with nature?



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# Logistics



# GETTING VOLUNTEERS



The different  
SHR regions  
that our 2023/4  
volunteers  
come from



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# CHALLENGES

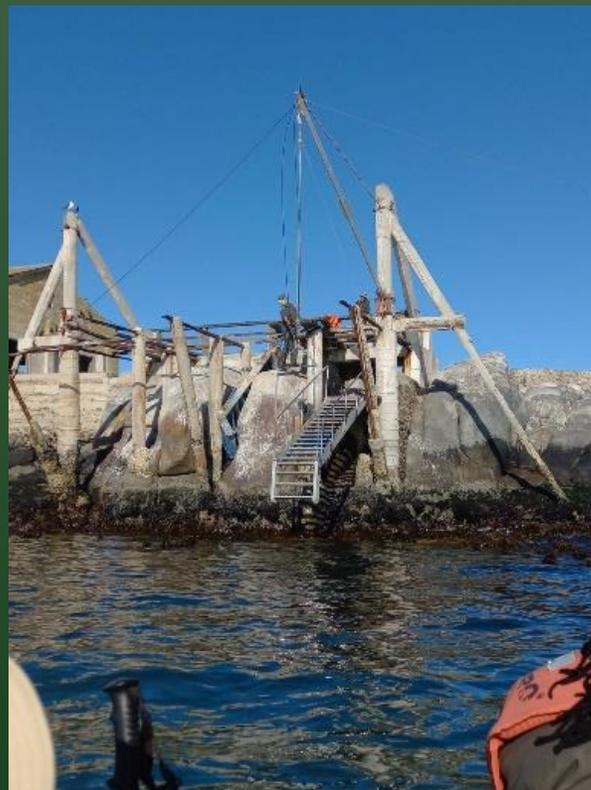




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# JETTY ON JUTTEN





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# JETTY ON MALGAS



# Patrolling for problems





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## Paths of righteousness



Look out!



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## Public enemy #1 and Public enemy #2





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# Predation by Public enemy #3





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# Their fate was sealed....





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Look in the pouch...





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# The stick!!

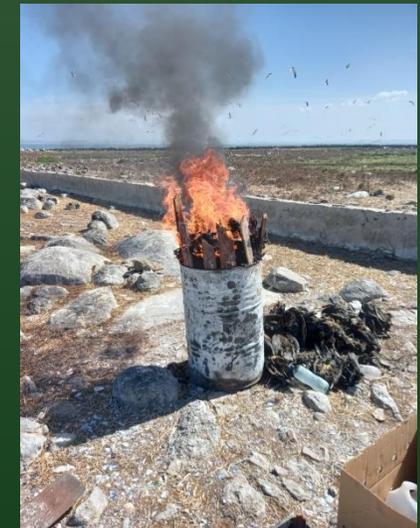




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# Avian flu





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# Close encounters of the feathered kind





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# Birds you are likely to see!







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# Signs of success



Shift: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pelican Watch** **Season 2023 / 2024**

**Jutten Island Data Book**

*Welcome to Pelican Watch 2023 – 2024*

*Thank you for volunteering your time. We hope you enjoy your stay on the Islands!*

**Contents**

Map indicating Areas	Form 9 Crown and Bank Cormorant nest count
Form 1 Daily Pelican Field chasing form	Form 10 Sacred Ibis and <del>Hadada</del> count
Form 2 Daily Seal predation observation sheet	Form 11 Bird rings found
Form 3 <del>Daily Gull Predation of Cormorant Eggs and Chicks</del>	Form 12 Reporting of sus on land
Form 4 Daily Crow, Ibis and <del>Hadada</del> predation observation sheet	Form 13 Incidental report
Form 5 Daily Kelp Gull other predation observation sheet	Pelican Watch Shift Da and death – SANParks
Form 6 Daily Record of Dead Seals and Birds found on the island – <del>don</del> predated	Pelican Watch Shift Da SANParks copy
Form 7 Weather Conditions	
Form 8 Oystercatcher and Penguin count	



Pelican visits

Other forms used collect information on, for example,

- Kelp Gull predation
- Oystercatcher and Penguin counts
- Weather conditions
- Seal predation
- Dead birds and seals

**Form 1: PELICAN CHASING FIELD FORM**

On Land	Pelican encountered on the island or surrounding water, not seen arriving	Over-fly Island	Over-flying pelican put off from landing by people on ground
Predations Observed	Pelican seen foraging in the colony, swallowing chicks – characteristic beak- in the air- movement		

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Sectors	Dates															Totals			
		Visits on land	Overflying	No. of chicks predated	Visits on land	Overflying	No. of chicks predated	Visits on land	Overflying	No. of chicks predated	Visits on land	Overflying	No. of chicks predated	Visits on land	Overflying	No. of chicks predated	Visits on land and flying	Predations	
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Please copy the data in Grey Column over onto the summary sheet on completion of your shift

Both columns Summary Form 1

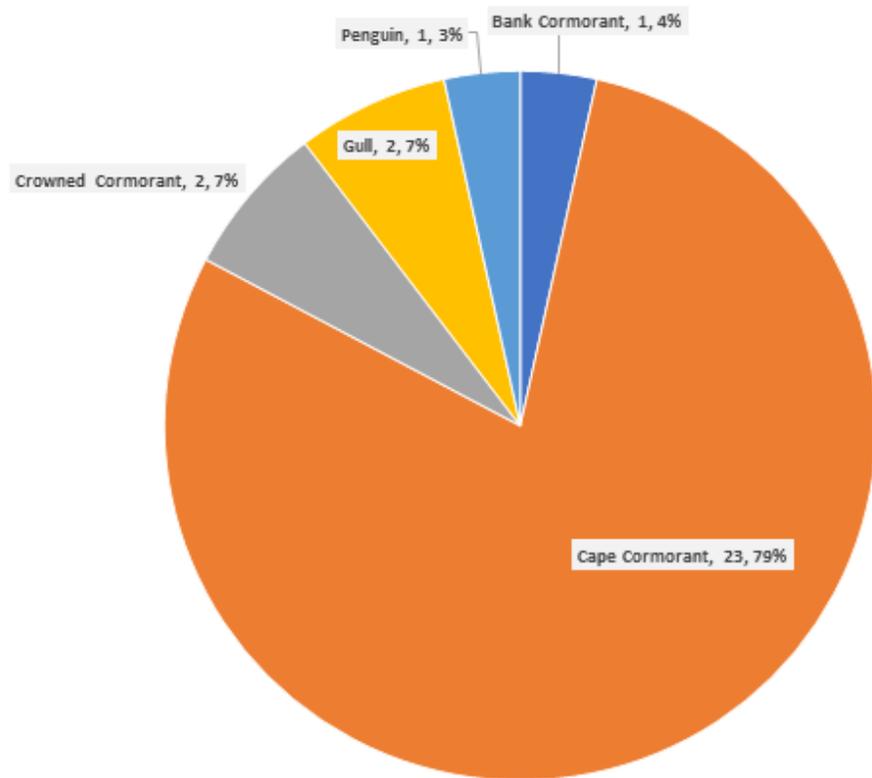
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Pelican Watch Collated Data Summary 2022/23 - Jutten Island

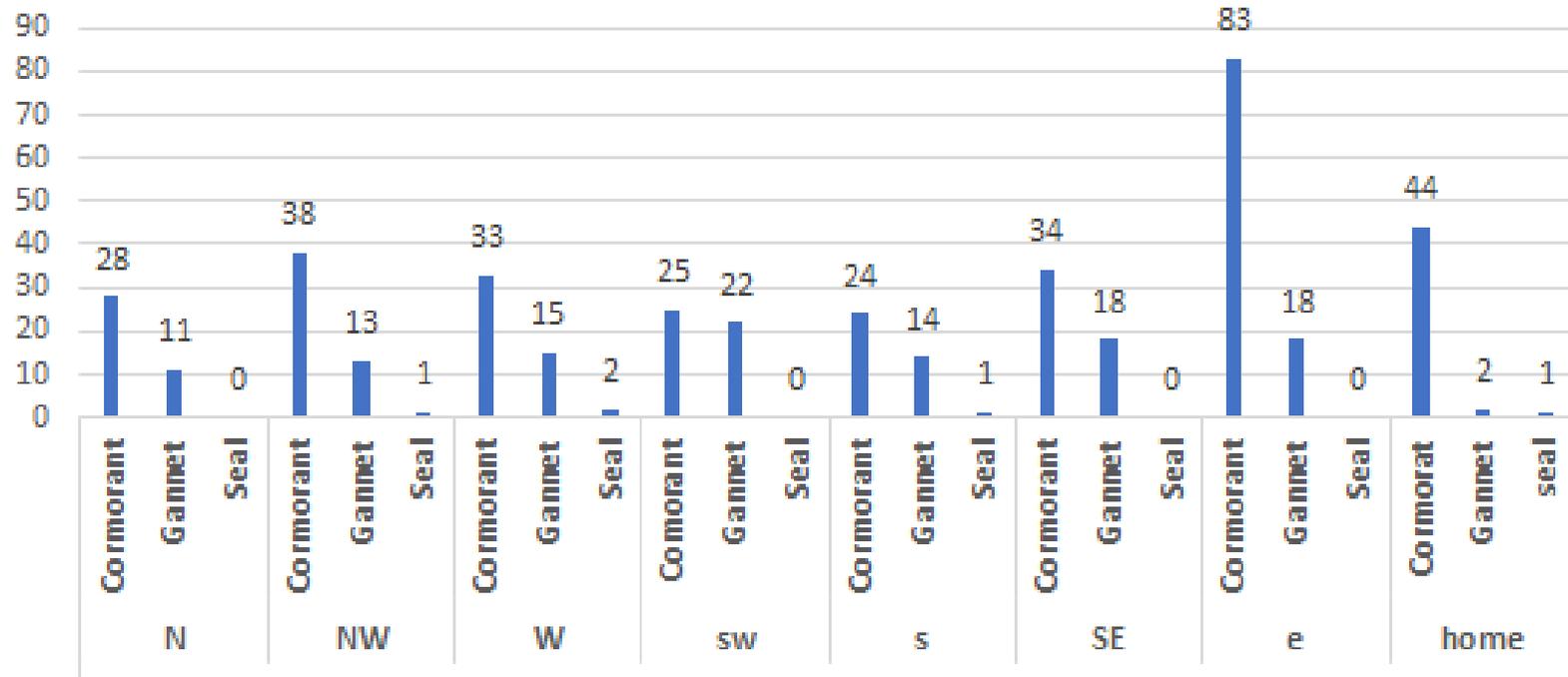
Data Collected

JUTTEN ISLAND				Gull Predations									
SHR TEAM LEADER	Pelican Visits	Seal Predation		Gannet Eggs	Cape Cormorant Eggs	Gannet Chicks	Cape Cormorant Chicks	Kelp Gull Eggs	Kelp Gull Chicks	Active Nests	Chicks	Active nests	Chicks
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Jutten Island 2022-2023 Percentage of species predated by seals



### Malgas Island 2022 23 Dead Birds and Seals found on the Island by area





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# Future of the watch



*We need...*

Continued support from the SHR organization and members



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*We need...*

SANParks helping  
to get us there and  
back and  
supporting our  
stay on the  
islands!



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*We need...*

Public support  
to enable  
maintenance  
of the islands  
and the  
Watch



*We need...*

To be  
stronger  
together!



Join my Pelican  
Watch crew but  
please remember  
the key points!  
Ahhrrrrrrrrr....

AH HOY!  
Ahhrrrrr...

#### Captain Gannet's 10 key PW points

1. Read the manual
2. Make up a crew of 5 (or 6) for Jutten or 3 (or 4) for Malgas and apply together!
3. Make sure there is an SHR qualified for West Coast in your team
4. Remember to contact [pelicanwatch.wcshr@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanwatch.wcshr@gmail.com) with any questions
5. Read the manual!!!
6. Pack wisely - and make sure you have everything on the list
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7. Be on time for the boat - tide waits for no-one
8. Have a great time and take photos
9. Demand a pint of rum from all landlubbers who didn't go when you tell them your story
10. Read the manual or be prepared to walk the plank!

# End of the day





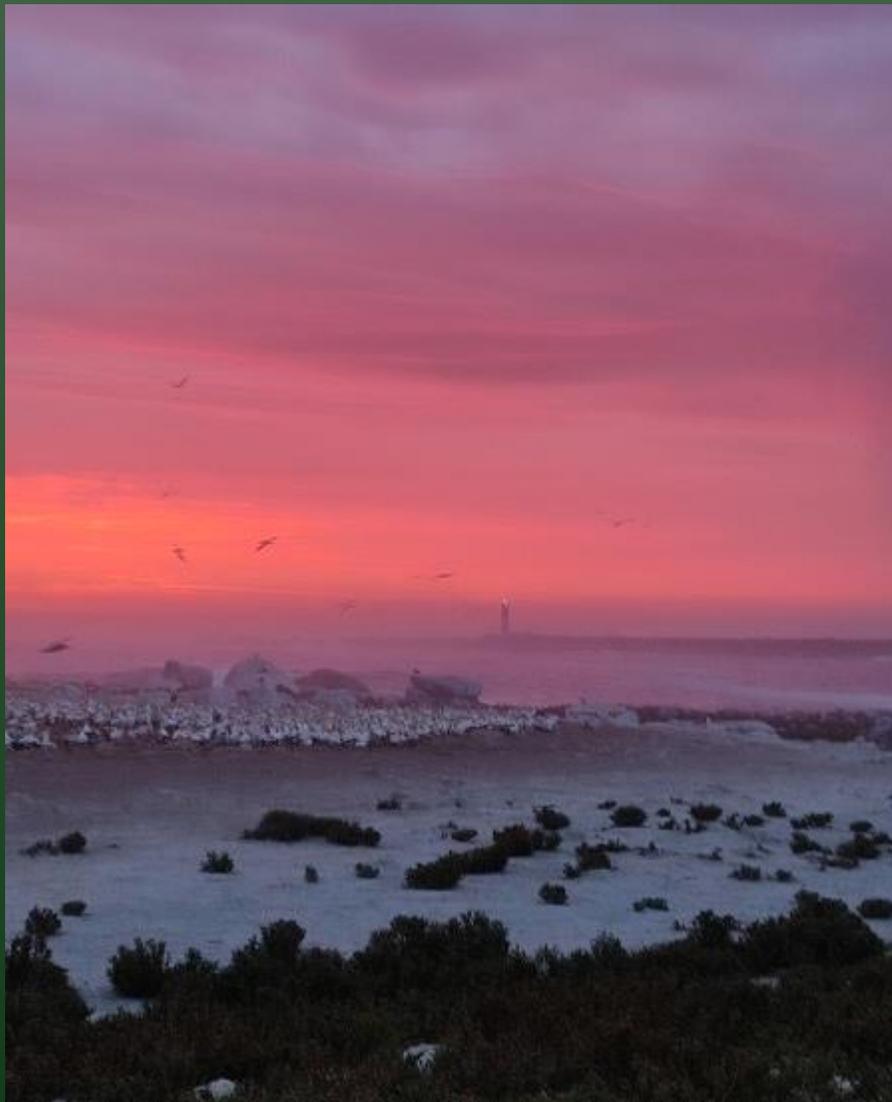
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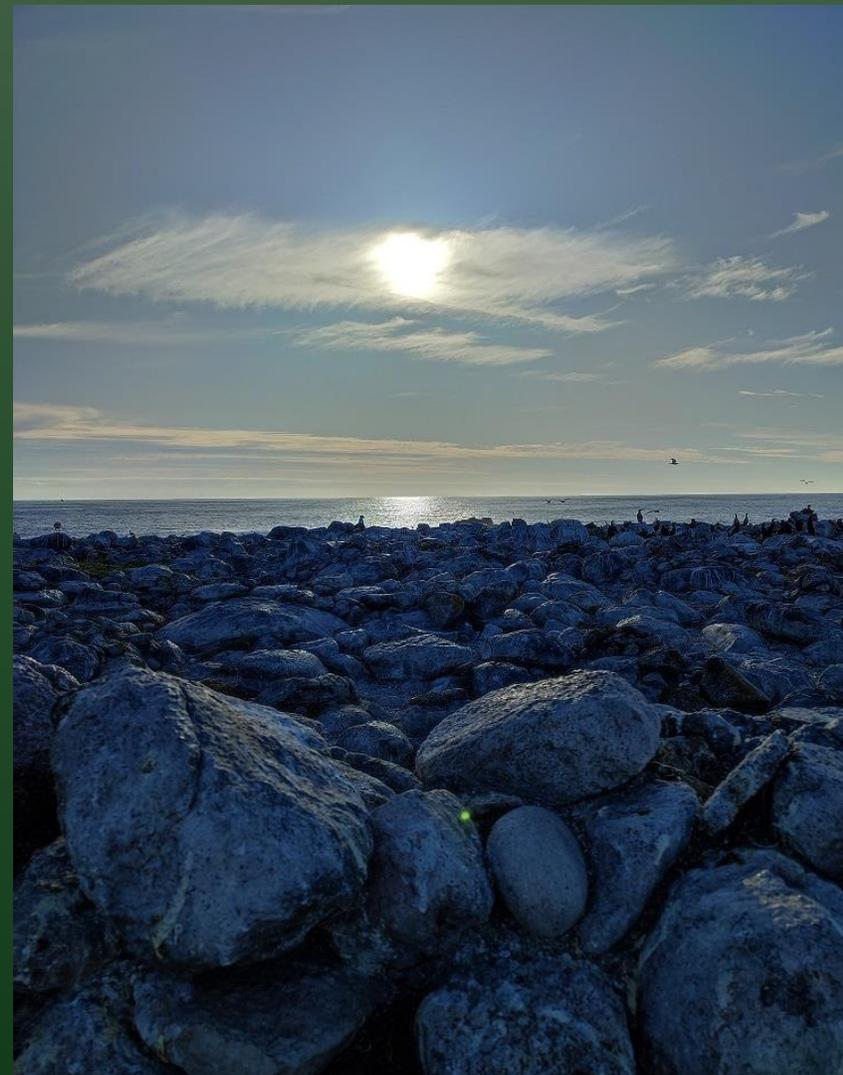


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# THANK YOU



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# QUESTIONS

