

Aquatic Aliens!

Photo: Centre for Research on Invasive Coastal Marine Species, Hobart, Tasmania

Managing the invasive threat

THE PROBLEM

Alien species invasions from ballast water are a serious threat to South Africa's coastal resources, having caused major impacts around the world



MANAGEMENT

The Global Ballast Water Management Programme (GloBallast) is assisting various countries, including South Africa, to minimise this threat. Activities being conducted include the development of new policies aimed at linking with other biosecurity issues

THE GOAL

Prevention and cooperation are the keys to protecting the health and value of our coastal resources

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO:



Preserve South Africa's diverse coastline



Avoid introductions of harmful species



Protect growing mariculture and coastal industries



Ensure treatment or exchange of all ballast water discharged in South African waters

KEY ROLE PLAYERS:

- Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism
- National Ports Authority
- South African Maritime Safety Authority
- Shipping Industry
- Research Institutions
- Coastal communities

