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Panel Debate & Launch of the Ocean Atlas

## Oceans at Risk: Towards Effective Protection Policies

17 October 2017

13:00 – 17:00

Centre for Biodiversity Conservation, Colophon Room, Kirstenbosch



Oceans and coasts are important parts of our environment and play a vital role in the regulation of our climate. But this unique ecosystem urgently needs our protection. The principle of the freedom of the sea, which has held for hundreds of years, and which has granted everyone unlimited access to the ocean and its resources, has led to over-fishing and pollution. Despite the vast capacity of oceans to absorb heat and carbon dioxide, climate change has led to marked changes in their temperature and is causing significant damage. The fragmented nature of governance and legislation with regards to oceans, both within nations and globally, has rendered it difficult to develop coherent policies towards protection. The result is not only an irreparable loss of biodiversity, but people and livelihoods are at risk, too. With 80 percent, the majority of the world population today lives in proximity to coasts. In many countries, including South Africa, coastal communities depend on fishing for income and food security.

In June 2017, an Oceans Conference was convened by the United Nations for the first time, inviting governments and stakeholders to develop strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans. On that occasion, the Heinrich Böll Foundation together with Geomar Institute launched an Ocean Atlas, which reveals facts and figures and seeks to stimulate more public engagement.

This panel, jointly hosted with the International Oceans Institute – South Africa (IOI-SA), will present the Ocean Atlas and invite experts and the audience to engage on challenges in South Africa and globally, as well as on a way forward to improve protection policies.

For more information about the Atlas please see:

<https://www.boell.de/en/2017/05/30/ocean-atlas-facts-and-figures-about-our-relationship-with-the-ocean>



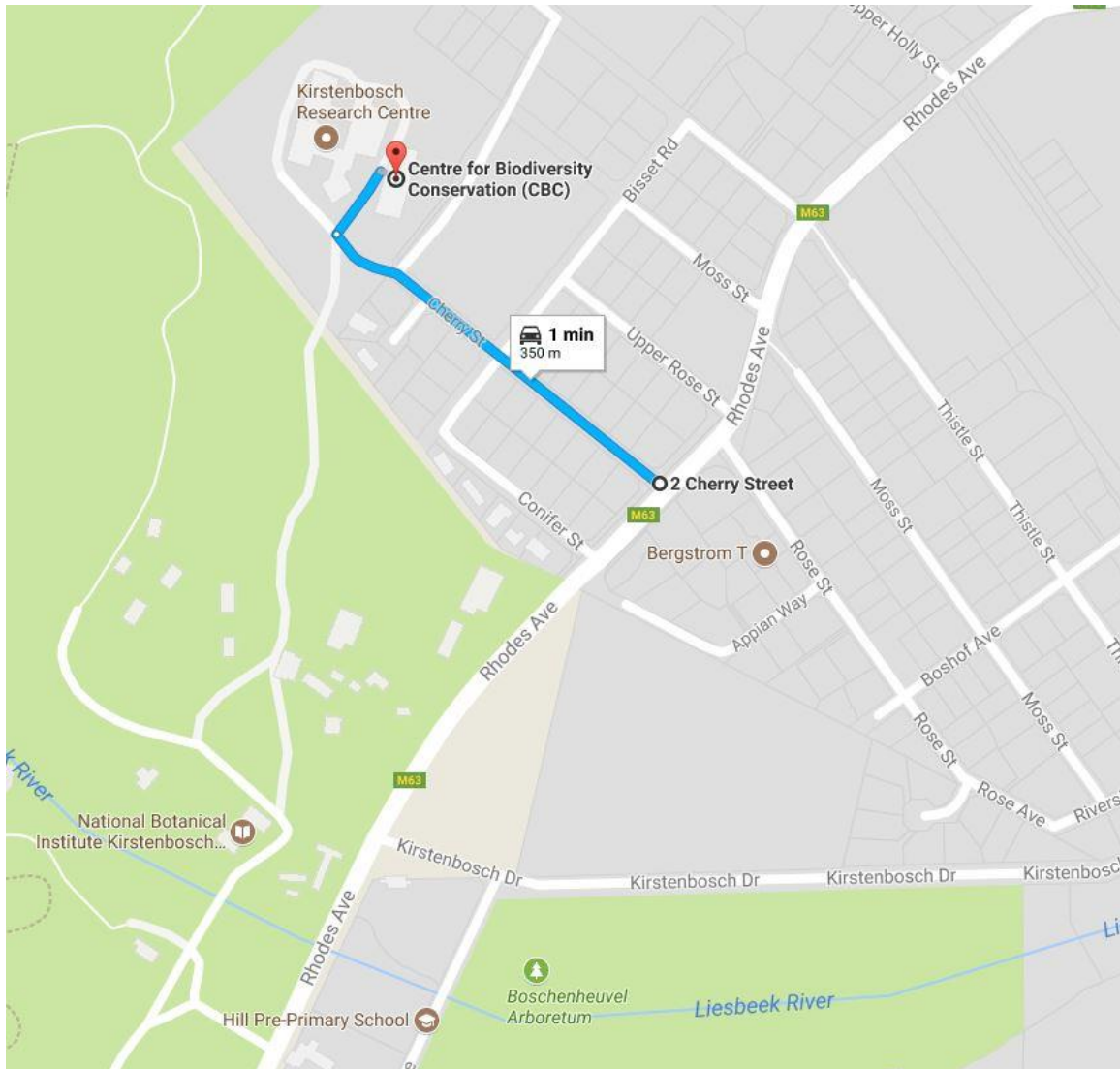
<b>13:00 Welcome Reception</b>	
<b>13:30 Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <b>Mrs Layla Al-Zubaidi</b> Director, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Southern Africa	
<b>13:40</b>	<p><b>Mrs Barbara Unmüßig</b> President, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung</p> <p><b>Dr Kenneth Findlay</b>, Research Chair, Cape Peninsula University of Technology</p> <p><b>Dr Melanie Luck-Vogel</b>, Senior Researcher, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</p> <p><b>Adv Radia Razack</b>, Director: Law Reform and Appeals, Department of Environmental Affairs</p> <p><b>Captain Ravi Naicker</b>, National Operations Manager: Centre for Sea Watch and Response, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)</p>
	<p>Moderated by:</p> <p><b>Mr John Duncan</b> Senior Manager: Marine Programme, WWF</p>
<b>14:50</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
<b>***Reception***</b>	

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Access to the SANBI Buildings, including the CBC is via Cherry Street (off Rhodes Drive) as a result of construction between the main entrance to Kirstenbosch and the SANBI buildings.

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