

SUIDPUNT ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE (SEA)

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The Suidpunt Environmental Alliance (SEA) has been operating at the southern tip of Africa for the past ten years. Our Alliance consists of a small group of committed citizens concerned mainly with the health of the local and global natural environment.

SEA, as the only environmental activist group in the Suidpunt, is relatively small in size; however, in spite of this, we are one of the few societies that ever get anything done. This is because we minimise valuable time spent on committee meetings. We simply don't have time for interminable discussions, and the tedious admin work related to agendas, minutes and reports. We apply ourselves to environmental issues as they crop up--the only prerequisite being that the majority of our core members agree with what has to be done--how, when, where, and by whom.

We are non-profitmaking and we do not ask our supporters for any fees or financial contributions. Neither do we receive any finance from any other source whatsoever. Our love for and commitment to the natural environment makes it a privilege for us to finance this work entirely from our own pockets.

Complete record, welcome to public scrutiny at any time, are kept of all our activities, and we have collected, to date, signed commitments from over one hundred and fifty (150) like-minded people. These signatories have pledged **unconditional support** for our Alliance.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Suidpunt Environmental Alliance, strive to:

- ❖ Curb unsustainable development especially in wild and fragile environments
- ❖ Promote sound environmental values
- ❖ Serve as environmental watchdogs
- ❖ Influence policy and decision-making
- ❖ Endeavour to conserve and protect the fauna and flora of the Southern Cape Overberg
- ❖ Activate to repair, maintain and uplift the environmental health of the planet in local, regional, national and global matters.

Our past work includes:

- ❖ Being instrumental in the rejection of certain unsustainable developments in ecologically sensitive areas in the Southern Overberg (e.g. De Mond Estuary and Bird Sanctuary, Mount Pleasant, Mungo Bay, etc.)
- ❖ Being instrumental in the reduction of the previously unsustainable rate of development (\pm 30% p.a. in the mid-nineties)—in the Cape Agulhas area—to a more sustainable level
- ❖ Being instrumental in the vehicle ban on beaches
- ❖ Being instrumental in the non-renewal and cessation of permits to mine pebbles below the high-water mark along the Southern Overberg coast
- ❖ Being instrumental in the preservation of coastal hummock dunes near Struisbaai
- ❖ Being instrumental in setting up a local Municipal recycling programme
- ❖ Persuading the Cape Agulhas Municipality to stop treating our tidal pools with toxic chemicals (chlorine, copper-sulphate and lime)
- ❖ Persuading the Cape Agulhas Municipality to stop destroying fynbos and spring flowers on the Agulhas waterfront
- ❖ Receiving permission from the National Minister of Transport for the erection of tortoise-warning signs on national and regional roads
- ❖ Receiving permission from the Cape Agulhas Municipality for the beautification with indigenous plants and natural materials of the L'Agulhas waterfront

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