

EAST COAST FISH-WATCH PROJECT
Scuba Diving in the Eastern Coast Survey

The East Coast Fish-Watch Project (<http://fishwatch.tripod.com>) is an informal community enterprise designed to help people learn more about fishes and develop an awareness of the rich diversity of South Africa fish fauna. The following questions will help to estimate the structure of the diving community in the South Africa's east coast and its willingness to take part in the activities organized by the Project. The questionnaire will not take long to answer and if you have a friend who dives we will be glad if you send him/her the survey.

Instructions: Please fill in the blanks or choose the most appropriate answer to you.

1. Are you a certified scuba diver?

YES _____ Why? _____
NO _____ Why? _____

2. If not a diver, are you planning to become one?

YES _____ Why? _____
NO _____ Why? _____

3. What kind of diver are you?

- a. Recreational _____
- b. Scientific _____
- c. Commercial _____
- d. Photographer _____
- e. Another _____

4. What is your highest scuba certification level?

- a. Open Water Diver _____
- b. Advanced Diver _____
- c. Rescue Diver _____
- d. Master Scuba Diver _____
- e. Assistant Instructor _____
- f. Dive Master _____
- g. Instructor _____
- h. Another. What level? _____

5. How long have you been a certified diver?

- a. < 1 year _____
- b. 1 to 2 yrs _____
- c. 3 to 5 yrs _____
- d. 6 to 10 yrs _____
- e. > 10 yrs _____

6. How many scuba dives you have done since you got certified? Do not include dives from your courses.

- a. 1 dive _____
- b. 2 to 10 dives _____
- c. 11 to 100 dives _____
- d. 101 to 1000 dives _____
- e. > 1000 dives _____

7. How many dives in the last two (2) years? _____ How many in the last six (6) months? _____

8. Your annual diving frequency?

- a. I live in the water (> 12 trips/yr) _____
- b. High (6 to 12 trips/yr) _____
- c. Regular (3 to 5 trips/yr) _____
- d. Low (1 to 2 trips/yr) _____
- e. I need a tune-up (< 1 trip/yr) _____

9. Order the following reasons for diving from the most important (1) to the least important (5) to you.

To relax _____
To watch invertebrates _____

To go outdoors _____
To watch fishes _____
To discover a new world _____

10. Do you work/represent/manage a diving center?

YES _____ Which one? _____
NO _____ if not, go to question No. 14

11. Estimate the ratio of **not certified** (first level students)/**certified** divers of a normal diving trip of yours?

- a. 5 % / 95 % _____
- b. 25 % / 75 % _____
- c. 50 % / 50 % _____
- d. 75 % / 25 % _____
- e. 95 % / 5 % _____

12. Estimate the ratio between **students** (no matter what course)/**fun divers** of a normal diving trip of yours?

- a. 5 % / 95 % _____
- b. 25 % / 75 % _____
- c. 50 % / 50 % _____
- d. 75 % / 25 % _____
- e. 95 % / 5 % _____

13. Of those trips, what is the ratio between **course/fun diving** trips?

- a. 5 % / 95 % _____
- b. 25 % / 75 % _____
- c. 50 % / 50 % _____
- d. 75 % / 25 % _____
- e. 95 % / 5 % _____

14. Have you ever participated in an environmental conservation awareness/training activity involving diving?

YES _____ Why? _____
NO _____ Why? _____

15. What kind of activity?

- a. Coastal Cleanup _____
- b. Reef Check _____
- c. Fish Survey _____
- d. Other. Describe _____

16. Are you interested in an environmental conservation awareness/training activity involving diving?

YES _____ Why? _____
NO _____ Why? _____

17. Rate your fish identification skills?

- a. Very good, I can identify and scientifically name more than 50 South African fish species. _____
- b. Good, I know at least 30 South African fish species. _____
- c. Medium, I can distinguish most fish families and can identify at least 10 species. _____
- d. Poor, I can hardly distinguish a snapper from a butterfly fish. _____
- e. None. _____

What is your name? _____ Male/female? _____

How old are you? _____ Address (city) _____ Street / Postal (optional) _____

What is your email? _____ Phone number? _____

How did you learn about this survey? _____ Date? _____

You can send the filled survey by email to fishwatch@ru.ac.za, Fax to (046) 622 2403 , or air mail to: P.C. Heemstra, Curator of Marine Fishes, South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, Private Bag 1015, Grahamstown 6140, South Africa

Thank you for your collaboration.