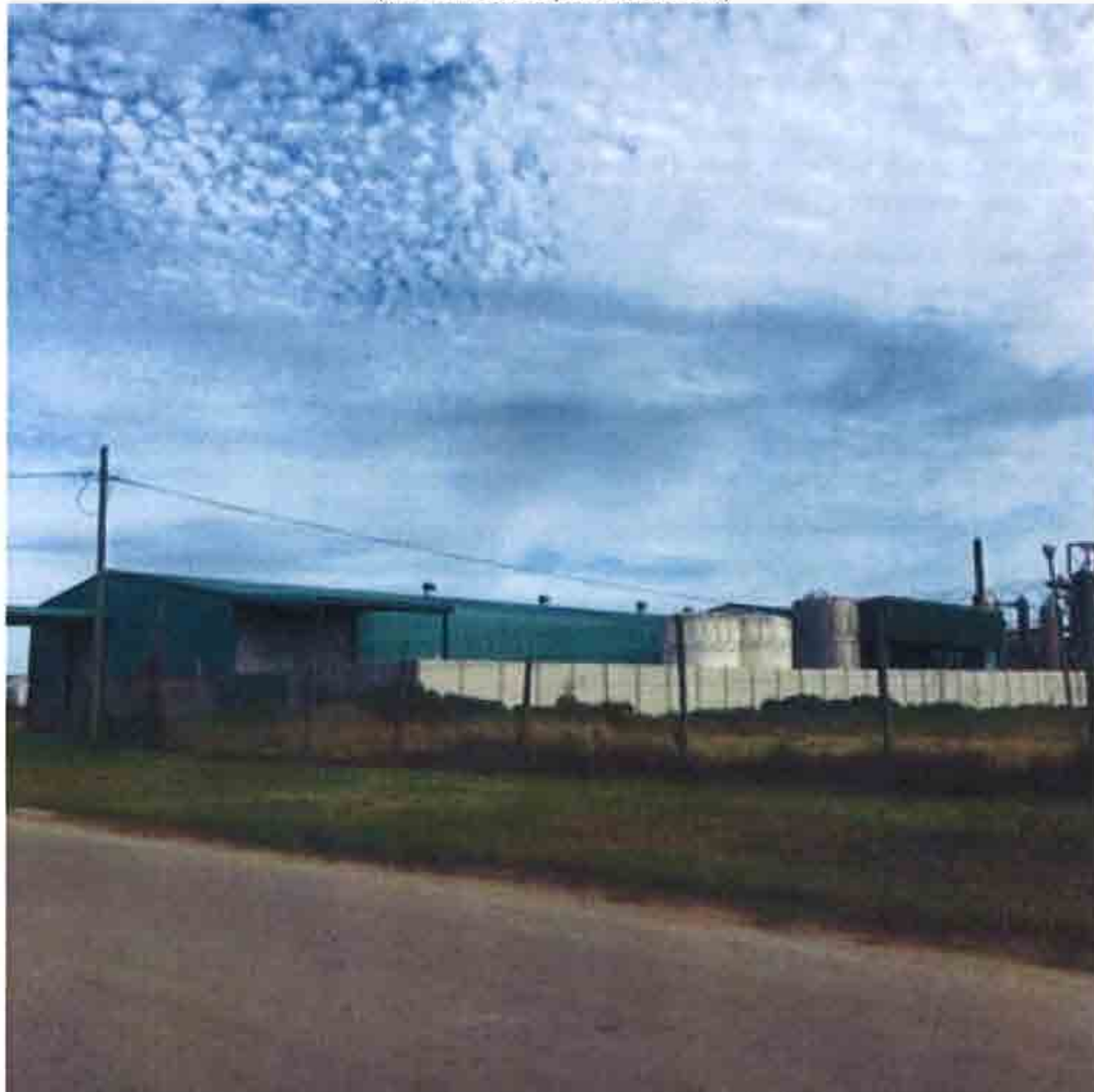


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The Southern Cape Fish Meal factory in Mossdustria.

MOSSEL BAY NEWS - Southern Cape Fish Meal (SCFM) (Pty) Ltd, which owns the fish meal factory in Mossdustria, has been ordered to stop all operations and to dispose of all existing stock at an approved landfill site.

The closest approved landfill site is Skoppies, about 35km from Mossel Bay towards Albertinia.

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(//www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/) **the factory closed.**

For years they have complained about the ongoing foul odour emanating from the plant.

The Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) air quality manager refused the licence renewal application by SCFM in April 2018. At that time the GRDM ordered the owners to stop all operations linked to the listed activity.

Two different appeals

SCFM then appealed the GRDM decision and approached the High Court in Cape Town for interim relief.

The High Court interdict the SCFM obtained ordered the GRDM to allow the fish meal plant to operate until the appeal in terms of Section 62 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act had been concluded. The municipal manager of the GRDM, Monde Stratu, was the appeal authority as the decision was taken by an official of the district municipality.

Recently this appeal was denied as, "based on the information and documents available to the appeal authority, it was unable to conclude that the upholding of the appeal would be consistent with the Air Quality Act and the Section 2 National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) principles," the GRDM communications department said.

Not end of the road

The owners of the SCFM may, however, approach the High Court to take the decision by the appeal authority on review. Until such a time the SCFM must cease all operations and a letter in this regard - a stop order - is being drafted.

The SCFM High Court order in 2018 indicated: "If the internal appeal is refused, the applicant is granted leave to supplement its founding papers, if regarded to be necessary, and to re-enrol the matter in order to obtain interim relief."

No further appeals in terms of Section 62 of the Systems Act will be allowed. The only other remedy is for SCFM to approach the High Court for interim relief.

What happens to waste

Afro Fishing CEO, Deon van Zyl, said the canning factory had been canning mainly imported cutlets. As a result they had not had much offal as there are no offcuts with imported cutlets.

"We are, however, preparing for the Port Elizabeth fishing season and our fishing vessel is already in PE, waiting for the weather to improve.

"So, when we start catching fresh fish we will have offcuts again. SCFM has indicated to us that it is unlikely to be able to process our offcuts so we are already preparing to transport offcuts to a similar offal processor in the Cape," Van Zyl said.

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At the time of going to press, the SCFM had not responded to questions. <http://www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/>

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Bring on Brulpadda

Deepsea Yantai, the semi-sub rig managed by Odjfell, called on Mossel Bay this week for a crew change.

Nickey le Roux

The *Deepsea Yantai* semi-sub rig, managed by Odjfell and sailing from Singapore, has moored off port limits in the bay to receive various services and change crew before proceeding to Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

"Were it not for the efficient and constructive cooperation of members of staff of the Transnet National Ports

Authority (TNPA) and South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), effectively working with industry to attract the in-transit, East-West rig traffic to Mossel Bay, this historic moment of welcoming a rig of this magnitude to the bay would not have been possible," Afrishore CEO Shirley Schmidt said.

Afrishore Shipping is an international oil and gas agency that offers a one-stop solution in South Africa, providing

everything from logistic project management and port call management, right up to crew meet and greets, visa/immigration support and specialised marine consultancy services.

Economic boost

Schmidt said Afrishore, the agents for the *Deepsea Yantai*, facilitated the crew changes that also involved personnel at management level.

"The seagoing crew were treated to an experience at the Gin School and, in turn,

the crew leaving the rig were treated to a game drive at Botlierskop before they left for home. We have to thank the authorities for the manner in which the crew change process and the refuelling in the bay were effectively dealt with," Schmidt said as many of the supplies needed for the rig as possible were sourced locally. These included fuel, food and even critical parts for the rig.

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Girl (13) dies of overdose, friends hospitalised

A 13-year-old girl died in a Mossel Bay hospital on Sunday, 4 August, after she and two of her friends, reportedly the same age, took an overdose of medication.

The incident took place on Saturday evening at the family home of the girl who died, in the neighbourhood known as Albert Luthuli Village. According to information received, the girls were taken to hospital after they were found drugged. The two other victims were transferred to the George Provincial Hospital, after their condition deteriorated. One of the girls has been discharged from hospital and has returned

to school, according to information received. At the time of going to print, the third girl was still in hospital, in the intensive care unit.

The Department of Health was not at liberty to comment on the condition of the girls, because an inquest docket has been opened by the Da Gamaskop police and the victims are minors, therefore consent has to be obtained from the parents. According to the police, the girls all attended the same school in the JCC neighbourhood.

Further information regarding the incident and what led to the girls' actions, is still being assessed by police.

Onderzoek na botsing duur voort

Die vrou wat op 1 Augustus in 'n motorbotsing by Glentana dood is, is geïdentifiseer as die 44-jarige Charmain Vermaak.

Vermaak het op die betrokke dag laatmiddag met haar wit Nissan G6 op die pad na Glentana gery toe sy in 'n kop-tot-kop-botsing met 'n Mercedes betrokke was.

Die polisie op Groot-Brakrivier is steeds besig met die ondersoek en kon teen die tyd perse gaan nie die oorsaak van die botsing bekend maak nie. Vermaak het op Reebok gebly en het nie kinders gehad nie. 'n Nadoordse ondersoek is die afgelope week gehou en begruinsedings sal nog getref word.



Charmain Vermaak

Rig proves readiness for Brulpadda

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Port manager Shadrack Tshikalange said the Port of Mossel Bay was well-equipped to service the needs of large vessels such as the *Deepsea Yantai* despite being the smallest of TNPA's commercial ports on the South African coast.

"We commend the efforts of all roleplayers in ensuring the safe arrival of the *Deepsea Yantai*. TNPA values the opportunity to assist vessels of this nature and size in the future, which will earn us the trust of international organisations," Tshikalange said.

Exploration

Another vessel owned by the The Odfjell Group, *Deepsea Stavanger*, is expected to work on the next exploration drilling phase of the Brulpadda project on Block 11B/12B in the Outeniqua Basin situated off the coast of Mossel Bay, where energy giant, Total, discovered gas condensate earlier this year.

Block 11B/12B is located in the Outeniqua Basin, 175 kilometres off the coast. The

block covers an area of 19 000km² with water depths ranging from 200 to 1 800m. "Mossel Bay is the only port that operates two offshore mooring points within port limits. TNPA's investment into the oil and gas industry ties into government's efforts to develop the 'oceans economy' through its Operation Phakisa programme," Tshikalange said.

Afrishore, as the facilitator, is excited about the return of the *Deepsea Stavanger*.

"It is expected that the *Deepsea Stavanger*, when she returns in 2020, will drill at least two exploration wells, with the option of further wells.

"It is expected the two exploration wells will take approximately nine to 12 months to complete.

"The true analysis of the exploration will happen during this next phase, when also the economic viability for the project will be assessed," Schmidt added. She said Afrishore had created an email address (vendors@afrishore.co.za) for local businesses to register and send their company profiles.



Die verdagte, Stephen Lekoro.

Eurika en Tewie Human.

Hierdie foto is aan verskeie getuies in die hof gewys waar die verdagte, Stephen Lekoro (links) met bagasie na die vulstasie loop. Die persoon regs is 'n vriend wat hy toevallig by die vulstasie raakgeloop het en wat hom met sy bagasie gehelp het.

DUBBELMOORDSAAK

Staat roep die eerste getuies

■ Louise Karsten

Die verhoor van die 29-jarige Stephen Lekoro wat van die dubbele moord op die 72-jarige Tewie Human en sy 62-jarige vrou, Eurika verdink word, gaan steeds voort in die rondgaande hoër hof op Mosselbaai.

Die Humans is op 14 Junie 2016 wreed by hulle woning in Sandhoogtepad op Groot-Brakrivier vermoor. Lekoro het vir die Humans se rioolonderneming gewerk en het op Wolwedans gewoon. Sy vriend, die 27-jarige Thamsanqa Sishuba, ook 'n inwoner van Wolwedans, dien tans twee lewenslange vonnisse uit vir sy aandeel in die moord op die Humans. Sishuba het deurgaans tydens sy verhoor voor regter Robert Henney skuld ontken.

Lekoro ontken skuld op al vier aanklagte teen hom. Dit sluit in roof met verswarende omstandighede en moord. Hy voer aan hy was op die dag van die moord by die Humans se huis en het aan regter Mark Sher gesê hy en Tewie het na bewering 'n woordewisseling gehad omdat Lekoro die verkeerde tipe olie in 'n masjien gegooi het. Lekoro sê in sy pleitverduideliking dat Tewie hom na bewering vir die betrokke dag gevra het om 'n "ekstra hand" saam te bring en dat hy Sishuba saam na die huis geneem het. Hy beweer Tewie het hom tydens die woordewisseling by die motorhuis met die vuus geslaan waarna hy (Lekoro) Tewie eenkeer met 'n mes gesteek het wat hy op die werktoubank gekry het. Volgens sy pleitverduideliking het Sishuba toe vir Tewie met 'n kapmes aangerand waarna hy (Lekoro) gevlug het. Lekoro pak die skuld op Sishuba en beweer dat hy nie teenwoordig was tydens die moord en roof nie. Hy sê hy het gevlug omdat hy geweet het hy is in die moeilikheid.

Foto's by vulstasie

Lekoro het kort na die moord na Lesotho gevlug en is in November 2018 in Bloemfontein in hegtenis geneem nadat hy teruggekeer het na Suid-Afrika. Foto's wat deur sekuriteitskameras by 'n vulstasie op Mosselbaai geneem is, is die afgelope week aan verskeie staatsgetuies gewys. Dit wys hoe Lekoro, wat deur die getuies op drie foto's geïdentifiseer is, 'n dag na die

moord, op 15 Junie, 2016 met bagasie deur die vulstasie stap en vir hom 'n buskaartjie koop. 'n Vriend van Lekoro het tydens die verhoor getuig dat hy Lekoro toevallig op die dag by die vulstasie raakgeloop het. Die getuie, wat 'n taxibestuurder is, het aan die hof gesê dat hy 'n bagasiesak vir Lekoro gedra het en dat Lekoro hom ingelig het dat hy na Bloemfontein gaan omdat sy broer glo siek was. Hy het aan adv. Lenro Badenhorst gesê dat Lekoro gespanne voorgekom het en dat hy baie geroek het. Hy het ook gesê Lekoro het by die vulstasie vir hom 'n mus gekoop wat hy oor sy kop kon trek. 'n Werkgegewer van die busdienste het getuig dat sy 'n buskaartjie na Lesotho aan Lekoro verkoop het. Hy het glo kontant vir die kaartjie betaal.

Humans glo oor verdagte gestry

Die Humans se skoonseun ds Gerhard Pietersen het tydens sy getuienis aan regter Sher gesê sy skoonvaders het tydens die Aprilvakansie kort voor die moord gereed oor Lekoro gestry. Eurika het volgens Pietersen verskeie kere laat blyk dat sy nie gemaklik is met Lekoro nie en dat sy nie gehou het daarvan dat hy by die huis sou instap om sy kos in die mikrogolfoond warm te maak, sonder om aan die deur te klop nie. Volgens Pietersen het Tewie egter vir Lekoro opgekom. Die Humans is vier dae na die moord gevind nadat 'n jarelange vriendin, Doretha Wilson onraad vermoed het. Wilson het getuig dat die Humans nie hulle selfone geantwoord het nie en ook nie op boodskappe gereageer het nie. Sy is na die woning waar sy gesien het dat die Humans se twee honde, 'n Yorkie en 'n Staffordshire Terrier na die deur gehardloop het en die gordyn voor die deur opgelig het.

Die sekuriteitsmaatskappy, Suiderkruis en die Groot-Brakrivier-polisie is na die toneel ontbied. Eurika het op die egsaai se bed gelê en is met 'n mes gesteek. Tewie se liggaam is in die motorhuis gevind. Hy is minstens sewe keer met 'n kapmes aangeval en twee keer met 'n mes gesteek. 'n Tweede getuie van Absa-bank het getuig dat R14 000 om 20:20 dieselfde aand van die moord vanuit Tewie se bankrekening oorgeplaas is na 'n FNB-rekening. Die saak duur volgende week voort.

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Vrae en vrese oor vismeelaanleg in Mosselbaai vererger oor te veel vaaghede

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Is teenstand teen vismeelfabriek stank vir dank?

Maroela Media 2 Augustus 2019 Susan Purén

Mosselbaai se ekonomie gaan binnekort 'n groot hupstoot ontvang as die oprigting van 'n vismeel- en visoliefabriek die groenlig by die owerhede kry.

Afro Fishing, 'n plaaslike visfabriek wat sardyne inmaak, het buitelandse kapitaal van nagenoeg R350 miljoen bekom om hul bedrywighede in die hawegebied uit te brei. Daar word beplan om duisende tonne pelagiese visspesies, soos ansjovis en rooikappie (red-eye herring) by die aanleg te verwerk.



Dit sal seisoenale werk aan 'n bykomende 200 persone verskaf.

Nie almal is ewe opgewonde oor die projek nie en sowat 420 inwoners het 'n aanlyn petisie onderteken om teen die fabriek kassie te maak. Honderde mense het ook as belangstellende partye registreer; hulle wil weet watter impak die fabriek op dié skilderagtige kusdorp op die Tuinroete gaan hê en of daar permanent 'n stank oor die dorp gaan hang?

Deon van Zyl, Afro Fishing se besturende direkteur, sê die fabriek doen aansoek om 'n moderne aanleg op te rig wat die beste bewese praktyke en beskikbare tegnologie sal gebruik om die stank wat vismeelfabriekke veroorsaak, te bestry.



Volgens 'n luggehalte-impakstudie wat verlede jaar vir die beoogde projek gedoen is, sal 'n sogenaamde nat skropper keer dat onaangename reuke in die atmosfeer losgelaat word. Volgens die studie sal daar, indien nodig, bykomend van regeneratiewe termiese oksidasietegnologie (RTO) gebruik gemaak word. Dit word reeds in die buiteland toegepas en die Mosselbaai-aanleg sal die eerste in Suid-Afrika wees waar dit gebruik word.

'n Span wat met die beplande projek te doen het, was onlangs by 'n vismeelfabriek in Peniche, Portugal waar RTO gebruik word en is vol lof vir die tegnologie.

Die oorgrote meerderheid van Mosselbaai se inwoners is egter steeds bekommerd dat die dorp dieselfde paadjie as Houtbaai en Gansbaai gaan loop. In Houtbaai was daar onlangs weer 'n vlag klagtes oor die vrot reuk wat van die plaaslike vismeelfabriek af kom en daar word nou selfs navorsing gedoen oor die impak wat slegte reuke op die mens se gesondheid kan hê. In Gansbaai het die reuk so erg geword dat die vismeelfabriek 'n paar jaar gelede verbied is om tydens vakansietye te werk omdat dit toeristegetalle negatief beïnvloed het.

Die Mosselbaai-gemeenskap vrees ook dat die fabriek die voorloper is vir die oprigting van 'n visplaas of sogenaamde akwakultuur, soos dié wat nou vir die Weskus beoog word. Visplase kan ernstige omgewingsrisiko's inhou en is ook

moeilik volhoubaar.

Die visse wat in die onnatuurlike omstandighede aangehou word, word juis vismeel gevoer en met die fabriek in die hawe is akwakultuur dalk nou 'n stappie nader.



Elsa Wessels, die redakteur van die aanlyn nuusplatform Mosselbayontheline, sê in Suid-Afrika, soos in ander Afrika-lande, is die probleme erger omdat die betrokke owerhede selde die noodsaaklike maatreëls en wetgewing ten opsigte van water-, lug- en omgewingsbesoedeling toepas en afdwing.

"Gaan daar nimmereindigende hofsake op Mosselbaaiers wag soos wat nou in Saldanhabaai die geval is? En wie gaan kyk dat viskwotas gehandhaaf en die regte visspesies gevang word?" is van die vrae wat Wessels onlangs aan haar lesers gestel het.

Afro Fishing bestaan sedert 2007, maar het verlede jaar van eienaar verander. Verslae by die Kommissie vir Maatskappye en Intellektuele Eiendom (CIPC) wys dat vyf van Afro Fishing se direkteure in 2018 bedank het. Shamera Daniels (foto onder), 'n bekende in die seevisserijbedryf in die Wes-Kaap, is steeds op die direksie en Johannes Breed is die enigste nuwe direkteur wat aangestel is.



Die 37-jarige Breed, 'n geoktrooieerde rekenmeester van beroep, dien sedert verlede jaar op die direksies van agt Suid-Afrikaanse maatskappye in die visbedryf. Volgens die aanlyn Fish Information Service (FIS) is Breed ook die besturende direkteur van die Angolese maatskappy African Selection Trust (AST). AST se webwerf sê die maatskappy se visie is om bestaande visfabrieke te restoreer en maksimale produksie te verkry wat werkverskafing en voedselsekuriteit in Angola sal bring.

AST het sedert 2017 sy vlerke in Suider-Afrika gesprei en besit 'n 60%-aandeel in die Namibiese maatskappy Seaower Pelagic Processing (Pty) Ltd. Die Namibiese staatsbeheerde Fishcor besit die ander 40%. Volgens die Namibiese dagblad, The Namibian, verteenwoordig Breed, die ekonoom Adriaan Louw en prokureur Marén de Klerk, AST op Seaower Pelagic se direksie.

Die amaBhungane-sentrum vir ondersoekende joernalistiek het in 2017 berig dat die Namibiese visindustrie woedend was omdat 'n internasionale belangegroep, verwysend na AST, gebaat het by die toekenning van 'n reuseviskwota aan die staatbeheersde Fishcor. Volgens die Daily Maverick behels die kwota 50 metrieke ton makriel (maasbankers) per jaar vir 15 jaar met 'n geskatte waarde van R120 miljoen per jaar.

Daar is destyds gesê dat ten minste vyf Namibiese maatskappye as vennote vir Fishcor kon kwaliseer, maar oor die hoof gesien is. Ten minste een, Bidvest Namibia, moes sy bedrywighede intussen staak en sowat 1 200 mense het hul werk verloor.

Seaower Pelagic het pas 'n visfabriek van nagenoeg R540 miljoen in Walvisbaai in gebruik geneem. Die aanleg kan soveel as 600 ton makriel (maasbankers) per dag verwerk.

As Johannes Breed by AST se bedrywighede in beide Angola en Namibië betrokke is, dan is die logiese vraag of AST ook die belegger agter die R350 miljoen-inspuiting in Mosselbaai se Afro Fishing is?

Wat is AST se aandeel in die ander plaaslike vismaatskappye waar Breed ook op die direksie dien? En wat beteken dit alles vir die plaaslike visbedryf?

Deon van Zyl, Afro Fishing se besturende direkteur, ontken dat die maatskappy 'n filiaal van AST is en was slegs bereid om te sê dat die geld vir die Mosselbaai vismeelfabriek 'n belegging uit die buiteland is wat privaat bekom is.

Maroela Media se navorsing wys dat Norfund, die Noorweegse Beleggingsfonds vir Ontwikkelende Lande, in 2010 'n privaat aandelefonds in Angola begin het en dat verskeie Europese banke en ontwikkelingsfondse intussen by Norfund aangesluit het.

Die fonds word deur Angola Capital Partners (ACP) bestuur en die ACP-webwerf verwys na ses verkose Angolese maatskappye, waaronder African Selection Trust, waarin daar in die laaste paar jaar miljarde belê is vir uitbreiding.

In Angola het dit vooruitgang vir gemeenskappe gebring deur werkgeleenthede te skep en die plaaslike bevolking te bemagtig. Maar in Namibië het meer as 'n duisend mense, na bewering, hul werk verloor, aldus koerantberigte.

Die beplande vismeel- en olieproduksie is uitsluitlik vir die uitvoermark bedoel waar dit as 'n bestanddeel van dierevoer gebruik word. Sowat vier kilogram vis is nodig om een kilogram vismeel te vervaardig.

Van Zyl sê Afro Fishing het nie self viskwotas nie, maar koop pelagiese vis aan by ondernemings wat wel kwotaregte het.

Dis eintlik ironies hoe die visbedryf werk, want Afro Fishing se bestaande inmaakaanleg het sedert 2016 duisende ton gevriesde sardyne uit Marokko ingevoer om steeds aan die plaaslike markvraag te voldoen nadat kwotas gesny is.

Maar wat van Mosselbaaiers se vrese oor visplase in die see en op land?

En al die omgewingsprobleme wat daarmee kan saamkom? Kenners is dit eens dat die kans skraal is dat Afro Fishing ook 'n visplaas sal begin omdat vismeel en visolie reeds wêreldwyd in groot aanvraag is en toppryse behaal.

Tog is dit nie te vergesog om te glo dat akwakultuur dalk wel na Mosselbaai op pad is nie. Johannes Breed se pa, Jannie, was vir baie jare die besturende direkteur van Ridge Solutions Aquaculture in Angola waar garnale op groot skaal vir die uitvoermark verbou is.

Dan is daar ook al gesê dat Mosselbaai beskou word as dié mees geskikte plek in Suid-Afrika om 'n visplaas te begin waar geelstert verbou kan word. En net verlede jaar was daar 'n omstrede inligtingssessie oor akwakultuur wat deur die Mosselbaai-munisipaliteit aangebied is.

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On Monday, 13 August, the first Mossel Bay Advertiser indaba takes place.

This first indaba the Advertiser is planning will be an opportunity for discussion on the aquaculture proposal and aims to give residents objective, scientific information on the proposal, with the opportunity to ask questions about it.

You are invited to attend the dialogue.

The speakers are:

- **Ferdie Endemann**, specialist extension officer: aquaculture, from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- **Kishan Sarkar**, aquaculture adviser from the Operasie Phakisa delivery unit in the chief aquaculture and economic development of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

The facilitator is Prof Erwin Schwellie from the University of Stellenbosch. Through SocioNovus, an initiative of the university's business school, he is involved in a number of innovative projects to stimulate the local economy.

Op Maandag, 13 Augustus vind die eerste Mossel Bay Advertiser indaba plaas.

Die eerste indaba, in gespreksgemeenskap oor die voorgestelde akwakultuur ontwikkelingsont, beoog om aan inwoners objektiewe, wetenskaplike inligting te gee oor die presiese voorstelle. Daar sal ook geleentheid vir vrae wees.

Woon dus gerus die vergadering by.

Die sprekers is:

- **Ferdie Endemann**, spesialis uitbreidingsbeampte, akwakultuur van die departement van landbou, en
- **Kishan Sarkar**, akwakultuuradviseur van die Operasie Phakisa afleweringseenheid in die hoof-akwakultuur en ekonomiese ontwikkeling van die departement van landbou, landbou en visserye.

Die fasiliteerder is prof Erwin Schwellie van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Via SocioNovus, 'n inisiatief van die Universiteit Stellenbosch se besigheidskool, is hy nou betrokke by 'n aantal innoverende projekte om die plaaslike ekonomie te stimuleer.

Die beplande ontwikkelings mag dalk werk skep en die Mosselbaai-ekonomie 'n reuse-inspuiting gee, maar teen watter prys?

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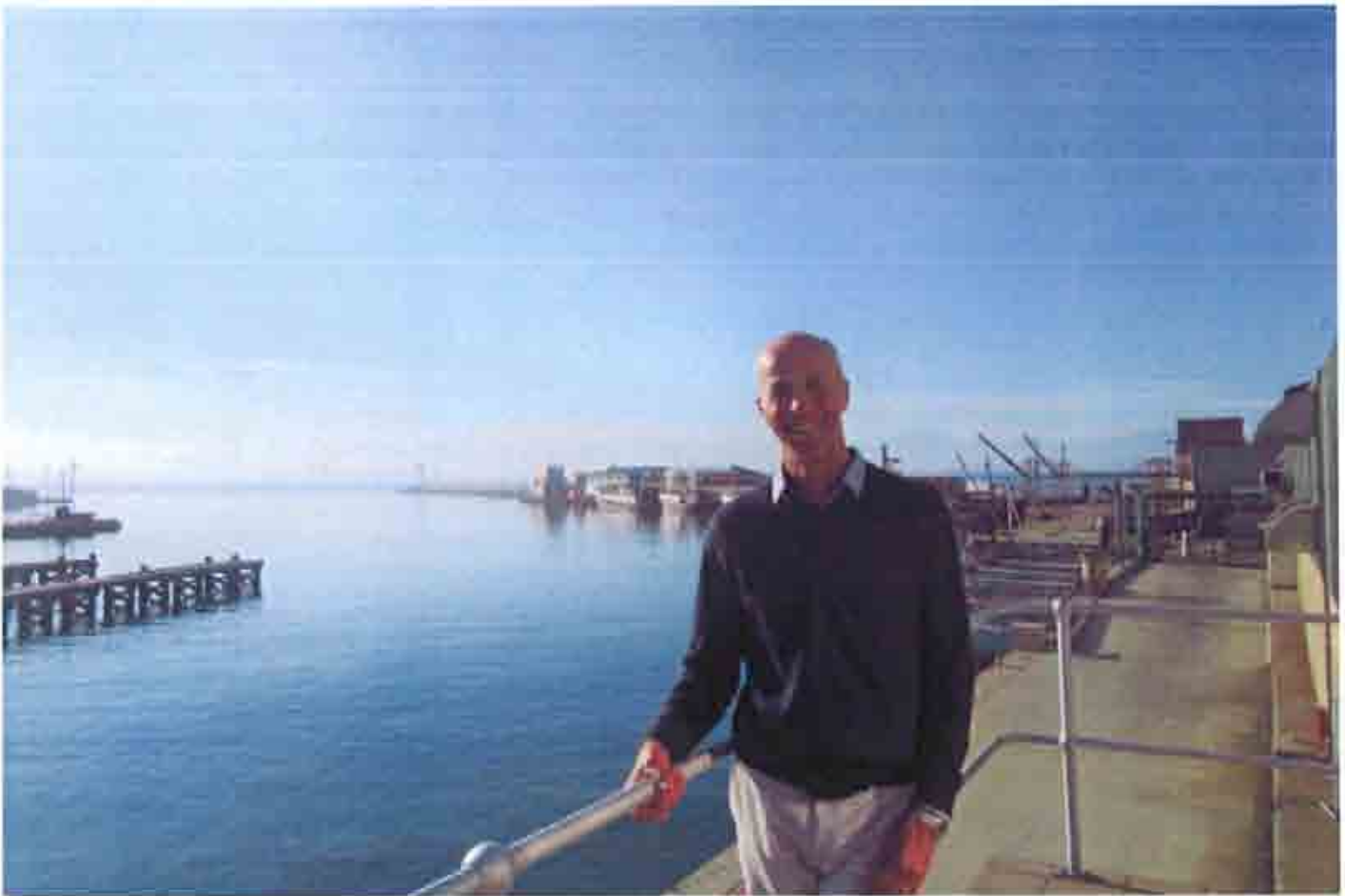


Fish Meal Plant - the A-Z of what Afro Fishing's plans are

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Afro Fishing's application to add a fish meal and oil manufacturing plant to its sardine canning operation on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour, has caused quite a stir and public outrage - not in the least due to the way it was initially only announced in an unobtrusive municipal notice on a back page of the local community paper where very few people saw it.

While the environmental impact studies and public participation process is still ongoing, we spoke to Afro Fishing's managing director Deon van Zyl, to find out more about his plans.



Deon van Zyl at Afro Fishing's premises on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour.

Deon is a qualified chemical engineer with an MBA (University of Cape Town). From Deon's LinkedIn profile, he has mostly worked in the food sector of which more than 20 years was in the fishing and seafood industry.

He returned to South Africa in January 2018 and was recently appointed MD of Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd in Mossel Bay.



Fish meal plants historically have a bad reputation - not only due to the air pollution and repellent odours, but also water pollution from the continuous dumping of thousands of litres of bloody waste and effluent into the sea. Overfishing is another major concern - especially these days when it is alleged that up to 90% of edible wild fish are indiscriminately caught to supply in the insatiable fishmeal market for animal feed and the aquaculture industry. It is alleged that millions of tons of fish are being harvested from the wild every year to produce fishmeal and fish oil to feed caged fish reared in underwater factory farms, which hugely increases the pressure on already depleted edible wild fish stock. Fish meal plants is also a water-intensive industry putting more strain on drought-ridden areas.

In a pledge for transparency and to dismiss fears that the fish meal factory is part of a ploy to establish the groundwork for open sea fish farming, we asked Deon the following questions:

1. After your extensive travels and experience, what made you choose Mossel Bay specifically for such a notorious endeavour? Especially in the light of all the ongoing court cases against fish meal factories and aquaculture sea farms in other harbour towns in the Western Cape?

DvZ - Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd (AF) recently won the bid to lease the old I&J site adjacent to its canning operation with the strategy to grow the business into other related activities. The proposed fish meal and oil facility is a natural extension to the existing cannery as the same fishing vessels are used and both operations are in the small pelagic fishing sector. Yes, we are aware that fish meal plants have in the past generated negative publicity. AF is, however, requesting authorisation for a modern facility, using the best-proven practices and the best odour management system available.

2. Who are the other directors of Afro Fishing and what experience do they have in fish meal plants?

DvZ - There are two other SA directors, Shemara Daniels and Johannes Augustinus Breed. They have extensive fishing industry experience plus they own freezing facilities, fish meal plants, fishing vessels and canneries in Angola and Namibia.

3. Afro Fishing has been operating as a sardine cannery operation in Mossel Bay since 2007. Since 2016, it was forced to import thousands of tons of Moroccan sardines in order to meet market demands. This was mainly due to a combination of factors - a drastic reduction in the national total allowable catch (TAC) for sardines, shifting shoaling patterns caused by climate change and poor recruitment (number of fish surviving to enter the fishery or to some life-history stage such as settlement or maturity). Has the local situation re sardine stock changed since and how will an additional fish meal and oil manufacturing plant benefit the company and / or the town?

DvZ - The entire local canned pilchard industry does rely currently on a mix of freshly caught pilchards and frozen imported pilchards. Currently, the industry is going through a period of low TACs for pilchards. The biomass (total weight of sardine in the SA sea) as observed during annual hydro-acoustic surveys has reduced considerably. This is, however, a cyclical fishery and the biomass of pelagic species varies considerably over time due to many factors. Therefore, this fishing sector is regarded as a 'boom or bust' fishery. The main reason is that the species is short-lived and hence dependent mainly on the level of recruitment. * *Recruitment means the count of eggs and larvae produced by the current stock and that will mature to become adults.* This recruitment requires many environmental processes to come together to grow biomass. The Fisheries Scientists and DAFF have relatively conservative models to determine the annual TAC. The primary factors influencing small pelagic biomass levels are recruitment, predation and climate-related factors.

A fish meal and oil plant will benefit as it will diversify AF into other species, namely anchovy and red-eye herring and into other products and markets. The erection of a cold store will allow AF to process *sardinella*, another pelagic species fished in Southern Africa waters. Currently, AF only cans pilchards making the company vulnerable to the nuances of the pilchard biomass and a single product. Canning *sardinella* will also open other products and markets.

4. What water will be used in the water-intensive industry - potable municipal water, seawater or will a desalination plant have to be used?

DvZ - This is not a potable water-intensive industry. No potable water is added to the products. Water will be required for the boilers, but we will also be installing condensate recovery units to reduce the boiler water consumption. Some potable water is also used for cleaning. The expansion will however not use more water than the previous user of this site used.

Seawater is used for cooling. This is where the large volumes are. This cooling seawater is however returned to sea untainted.



An aerial photo of Afro Fishing's plant on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour taken in 2010.

5. It is claimed that ten kg of edible wild fish is used to produce one kg of fish meal for animal food and to feed caged/farmed fish. Isn't that defying the purpose and contributing to the depletion of healthy wild fish species around

the globe to fund a false economy that actually causes food scarcity under the noble banner of the World Food Programme?

DvZ - The conversion factor in South Africa is closer to 4kg of industrial fish to produce one kg of fish meal. There is however also fish oil produced for other markets. The fish meal product is mixed with other ingredients to produce agriculture or aquaculture feed. It is important to note that only a fraction of a short-life species is harvested for this purpose. South Africa has a good record at fisheries management and no species has ever been depleted due to overfishing.

The biomass and distribution of pelagic species are assessed bi-annually using hydro-acoustic surveys. These surveys have been conducted without interruption for 35 years. This comprises a summer adult biomass survey and a winter recruit survey. This plus ongoing research of the small pelagic fisheries assist the department to develop, manage and revise the sector Operational Management Procedures (OMP). Data on catch statistics including landed mass, species composition, and catch position and date are also obtained by DAFF for the pelagic fishery.

6. What fish species and how much will be used in the fish meal and oil manufacturing plant and how will it affect the food chain in Mossel Bay's prolific waters where the marine Big Five - whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins - are still abundant? How can be assured that all other fish species are not being caught indiscriminately as well for fish meal and oil?

DvZ - The intention is to harvest anchovy and red-eye herring for the fish meal and oil plant. The biomass of both these species is currently healthy. Once again only a fraction of the biomass will be allocated to catch as per the OMP's referred to in the previous question. The TAC's are established at levels that have a negligible impact on your big five or other eco-systems.

The quantities will depend on the TAC allocated by DAFF and then the portion thereof AF is able to secure.

Yes, it is correct that sardines play an important role in regulating ecosystem functioning. It is for this reason that DAFF has closed off fishing areas with the aim of eliminating the impact on for example African penguin and Cape gannet breeding colonies.

7. What are the fish meal and fish oil used for and to where and how will it be exported from Mossel Bay's harbour?

DvZ - Fish meal is one of the ingredients blended with other ingredients to produce various animal and aquaculture feeds and hence controlled by the Department of Agriculture. Fish oil is mainly used as an Omega-3 source for various foodstuffs and health foods.

Both the fish meal and fish oil are packaged in containers and shipped to export customers. Initially, the containers will be road transported to PE for export. The Port of Mossel bay does have plans to become an import/export port. When that happens exports will be direct from the Mossel Bay harbour precinct.

8. What will happen to the waste/effluent of the plant and how will it be treated not to cause further pollution to the ocean?

DvZ - There is no waste from a fish meal and oil plant. All the landed fish and blood water are reduced into the finished product.

9. How many people are currently employed full-time at Afro Fishing and how many extra people will be employed full-time for the fish meal and oil plant? How can be made sure that local people get preference to outsiders flocking to Mossel Bay as soon as they hear of another industry?

DvZ - Currently, AF employs 340 staff when we are running two shifts. The expansion plan is expected to increase the total to 500 plus.

AF has a policy of employing locally where possible. The intention is to also recruit locally during the construction phase as was done when the cannery was built.



Employees at Afro Fishing's sardine canning operation on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour. The impressive building and machinery were established in 2007 by Dewald Lourens who started the family-business against all odds in Mossel Bay.

10. Mossel Bay is traditionally a tourist town with tourism being the main/only? source of income to most local businesses. People fear the negative impacts of such an industry in close proximity to restaurants, guest houses and other tourist attractions will have a severely negative effect on their businesses and cause a much greater loss of jobs than the few hundred jobs that a fish meal plant can supply - again defying the purpose of job creation. False or true?

DvZ - Mossel Bay is not only a tourist town. Mossel Bay has a working harbour, a thriving fishing industry, tourism industry, a gas refinery, gas platform supporting industry, an agriculture sector and many other industries. The drive through Voorbaai certainly does not depict a town that is only based on tourism. The Municipal Precinct Plan and the Transnet National Ports Plan cater for all these industries and opportunities with the aim of maintaining sustainable economic growth and employment opportunities in all sectors, not just tourism.

11. Air pollution: On certain days (depending on the wind direction), unpleasant smells from the cannery have been offending people in neighbouring buildings for years despite strict control. How will the latest RTO technology and equipment ensure that even worse odours do not occasionally occur?

DvZ - There has not been a single complaint with the current canning operation and AF has always been regarded as a compliant and nuisance free neighbour. I can assure you all odours emitted comply with legislative thresholds. AF also burn 'low sulphur fuel oil' in our boilers precisely to reduce certain emission levels.

Please also note that we are a fishing operation located in the part of the harbour allocated and zoned for fishing and industrial activity.

12. What are the overall benefits of such a fish meal and oil manufacturing plant to Mossel Bay?

DvZ - Currently the port is operating at less than 20% of its capacity. The site designated for this project has been dormant for almost ten years. This project will develop this site, provide added harbour activity, contribute towards the Mossel Bay economy and most importantly provide much-needed employment opportunities.

13. What are the worst-case scenarios to the environment?

DvZ - There is no worst-case scenario. There has never been an environmental disaster linked to a fish meal and oil facility. The intention is to expand and grow AF in a sustainable and environmentally compliant manner. There will be no flouting of regulations and environmental laws.

14. On a more personal note: Are you a family man and do you plan to settle in Mossel Bay?

DvZ - Yes, my wife Yvette and I have settled in Mossel Bay. Yvette is an architect. We have bought a property in the area. For this reason, I also want to build a facility that contributes to the economy of Mossel Bay and that does not become a nuisance.

PUBLIC CAN BUY PILCHARDS DIRECTLY FROM AFRO FISHING'S FACTORY SHOP IN THE HARBOUR

Deon van Zyl, managing director of Afro Fishing, invites the public to buy directly from their factory shop at discount prices.

A modern sardine canning factory in Costa Rica that operates very similar to Afro Fishing's plant.



The public is invited to register and participate as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) in the ongoing public participation process. Click on the link to read more and to register as an I&AP:

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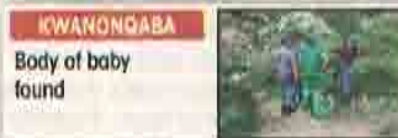
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Despite heavy rain expected
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to save water.



Best practices, latest technology investigated

Nickey le Roux

This will be a first for Mosel Bay and for South Africa. Technology not in use yet for the fishing industry anywhere in the country, but employed widely in first world countries, is proposed for the Afro Fishing fish meal processing plant that is planned for the old I&J site in the Mosel Bay harbour.

"Because it is starting from scratch, Afro Fishing can use the best available technology on the market to design and put in place - according to best practices - all the safeguards afforded by this latest technology to prevent any odours or other nuisance," says environmentalist Melissa Mackay.

Effect on air quality

The effective use of regenerative thermal oxidisers (RTO) at fish meal plants and their effect on air quality were investigated by an technical team who visited Portugal and Spain last week. The RTO is widely used in Europe. Internationally, test results indicate that technology such as the RTO prevents air quality problems associated with organic compounds.

"According to the Environmental Protection Agency of the USA, thermal treatment is the best way to destroy odours at fish meal plants," chemical engineer Chris Albertyn said.

He said the RTO oxidises the odorous compounds at 800 to 850 degrees Celsius. Afro Fishing chief executive officer Deon van Zyl, a qualified chemical engineer with an MBA (University of Cape Town), led a technical team on a visit to two fish meal plants in Europe, where the best available technology is used in the processing of fish meal according to European Union standards.

Technology and best practice

The purpose of the visit was to investigate best practices at the plants, where the said technology has been employed for several years and to note how it impacts the ambient air and odours usually associated with such plants. The team also assessed the operating reliability of RTO processes.

Van Zyl told the *Mosel Bay Advertiser*, which accompanied the technical team on the visit, that he is totally aware of the concerns raised by residents about odours and possible pollution.

"We have only just started the environmental impact assessment and authorisation process, which involves various aspects and consultation with the public



The Fabrika de Farinhas e Oleos de Peixe in Peniche is built in the picturesque harbour of the popular tourist town in Portugal.

prior to any final decision being made on the development," Van Zyl emphasised.

The environmental impact studies, he says, will be used to assess the potential impact of Afro Fishing's proposed expansion and development into fish meal, both on the physical environment and on the social environment. The results of the extensive impact assessment will assist the relevant authorities in their decision making.

Similar to Mosel Bay

Two towns with characteristics very similar to Mosel Bay were visited. In Spain, a plant close to Tarifa was visited. Tarifa is a small, historic town in the province of Cadiz, Andalusia, on the southernmost point of mainland Europe. Its popularity as a holiday destination has increased in recent years, mainly due to its position as Europe's most significant windsurfing and kitesurfing destination. In Portugal, the factory Fabrika de Farinhas Oleos de Peixe, located in the working harbour of Peniche, was visited. Peniche is a seaside village located in the Oeste sub-region. It is a popular beach destination, known among surfers as "surf central" and home to annual international surfing competitions hosted on a beach directly adjacent to the fish meal plant.

Both towns are highly dependant on the oceans economy and tourism for job creation and economic sustainability.

European Union standards

Environmentalist Melissa Mackay said: "What was very interesting for me, especially at the Peniche plant, was that the owners, Rui and Joao Dias, were extremely open about the problems they had experienced with odours until they implemented the RTO system some ten years ago.

"Old technology had been a problem. The factory now operates with all the relevant licencing from the authorities - of which we were given copies - according to very strict emission standards of the European Union (EU) for odours.

"South African legislation is similar; our

laws have taken a lot of information and limited thresholds from EU standards," Mackay said.

Pungent odour

"South Africa has no set limits for a compound called Trimethylamine (TMA) - a pungent, fishy, ammonia-like odour. It was important for me to note that the RTO is able to reduce the TMA emissions. TMA emissions are not usually measured at fishmeal plants. However, special preparations were made by one of the possible suppliers of the technology, Haarslev to have TMA measured in Peniche on 12 June."

Fresh fish

As opposed to the plants visited, Mackay said Afro Fishing would use predominantly fresh fish for their fish meal processing plant, further limiting possible odours.

Credentials

Apart from Van Zyl, the technical team consisted of Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd (Cape EAPrac) senior environmental consultant Melissa Mackay (Practitioner / GIS / ECO) and chemical engineer Chris Albertyn, who is registered as a Professional Engineer (PrEng) by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and a Chartered Engineer (CEng) by the Engineering Council in the UK, and is certified as a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) under the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice in the USA, a certification that is awarded for multidisciplinary environmental management expertise. The Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) certification was initiated in the USA with the aim of improving environmental management in general and is an international programme. *Mosel Bay Advertiser* news editor Nickey le Roux accompanied the team on its visit.

Participate

Van Zyl urges Mosel Bay residents to participate in the environmental impact assessment currently being done for the proposed fish meal plant. Register as an interested or affected party by sending an email to mel@capecaprac.co.za

More information is available on www.cape-caprac.co.za

Photos: Nickey le Roux



The Dias brothers in discussion with Deon van Zyl and Melissa Mackay on the popular Super Tubes beach in Peniche, where annually an international surfing competition is hosted. The beach is adjacent to the fish meal plant.

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Afro Fishing responds regarding concerns

Deon van Zyl, CEO Afro Fishing, writes:
On behalf of Afro Fishing I would like to take this opportunity to respond to some of the negative publicity we have been receiving relating to our expansion plans.
Firstly, we must emphasise that we have only just started the environmental authorisation process which involves various aspects and consultation with the public before any decision is made to allow the development to start.

We have appointed Cape EAPrac as the independent environmental consultants to manage the process and we have already initiated several impact assessment studies (e.g. Air Quality Impact Assessment, Socio-Economic Impact Assessment).
These impact studies will be used to assess the impact of the proposal on both the physical environment and the social environment and to assist the competent authorities in their decision making.
This will ensure that the community concerns associated with the proposal will be addressed in these impact studies.

I would, therefore, like to indicate that there is no hidden agenda on behalf of Afro Fishing. Afro Fishing has been accused of many things during the last few weeks but all we are doing is following a legal procedure step by step.

Secondly, we are a fishing business wanting to expand in fishing related activities within the area designated by the Mossel Bay Development Framework and the TNPA Port of Mossel Bay Framework plans for the fishing industry.

I previously worked in Hout Bay Harbour and saw first-hand how a community collapsed when I&J and Sea Harvest divested from the area.

Until today Hout Bay harbour has never recovered, with resultant poaching and unrest ongoing. We are wanting to rejuvenate two redundant commercial fishing sites within the Mossel Bay harbour. This should be positive for Mossel Bay; the harbour is a working harbour after all.

With regards to the fish meal and oil rendering facility and the emission of odours, our intention is not to install a facility that will negatively affect ambient air quality or have, for example, a negative effect on tourism.

This will not be sustainable.

This is not going to be an installation similar to what has happened in the past in South Africa. We will apply best practices as are required by law and will ensure that emissions meet threshold limits.

We will be discussing the detailed process flowsheet with interested and affected parties once the formal Environmental Impact Assessment public participation process starts.

At this stage, however, we would like to inform all that the concept involves the installation of an RTO unit.

This is a re-generative thermal oxidiser that will remove odours and which has been successfully applied in numerous first world countries. The RTO is a fundamental departure from traditional fishmeal facilities as we know them in South Africa.

Since inception Afro Fishing has been good for Mossel Bay. We intend keeping it that way.

We appreciate the inputs received and in order to be provided with the correct information, we strongly advise that you participate in the EIA process by registering as Interested and Affected Parties. Initial documentation is available on Cape EAPrac's website (www.cape-eaprac.co.za) and registrations can be sent to mel@cape-eaprac.co.za.

Harry Hill, writes:
Monday this week was the last day to register as an interested and affected party for the environmental authorisation process for the establishment of a fish meal and oil reduction plant in the Mossel Bay harbour.
It is hoped that all property and business owners in the old CBD area of Mossel Bay will object *en masse* to the establishment of such a plant, which could have a devastating effect on Mossel Bay's tourism economy as well as the CBD and surrounding property

Mosselbaai die 'vrotvisdorp'

G. de Villiers, skryf:
Ongewenste projekte skyn 'n manier te hê om Mosselbaai te bekruip, en kort voor lank sit ons pragtige dorp met die gebakte pere. Dit skyn die geval te wees met die vismeelfabriek in die Mosselbaaise hawe waarvoor daar nou vir omgewingsgoedkeuring aansoek gedoen word.
Dit sal besigheidseienaars en eienaars van residensiële eiendomme in en naby die ou middeldorp loon om sterk beswaar aan te teken teen die oprigting van

die fabriek aangesien die spesialisughevalverslag wat vir die projek opgestel is, lui dat dit algemeen aanvaar kan word dat reuke altyd tydens vismeelproduksieprosesse vrygestel sal word.
Die verslag praat van *offensive odours*. Dit blyk dat fabriek van die aard verskeie reuke in die atmosfeer kan vrystel, insluitende swaeldioksied. As die beplande fabriek in Mosselbaai dus materialiseer, kan Mosselbaai spoedig bekend word as die 'vrotvisdorp'.

Toerisme is die ruggraat van die Mosselbaaise ekonomie, en weens die natuurskoon, netheid en aangename klimaat van Mosselbaai, lok die dorp jaarliks duisende toeriste. Die dorp se vernaamste toeriste-atraksies asook hotelle is binne 'n paar honderd meter geleë van waar die fabriek opgerig gaan word. Die oprigting van die fabriek sal doodgewoon roekeloos en onverantwoordelik wees, en kan tot die verlies van talle werkgeleenthede in die plaaslike toerismebedryf lei.

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Watersekerheid bevraagteken

Johan du Preez, Mosselbaai, skryf:

Dit is in almal se belang om skaars natuurlike hulpbronne wat water insluit met respek en effektiwiteit te bestuur en gebruik, geen argument.

Die vorige paar weke se *Mossel Bay Advertiser*-uitgawes bevat egter artikels waarin munisipale en politieke verteenwoordigers uitsprake maak wat uiters verwarrend voorkom: (*Mossel Bay Advertiser*, 22 Februarie 2019): "Wanneer damvlakke tot 50% of minder daal, sal striemende waterbeperkings en kostestygings in die prys waarteen drinkwater gelewer word, onafwendbaar wees" - adv. Gillomee. (Wolwedamsdam 68,8% vol op daardie stadium).

Ook in die uitgawe van 8 Maart 2019: "... Apart from being able to offer sustainable water security, the town excels at services that would make it the ideal offshore base for Total's operations." - Adv. Gillomee. (Wolwedamsdam 66,7% vol op daardie stadium). Inwoners en belastingbetalers van Mosselbaai het sowat 10 jaar gelede gedurende 'n uitsonderlike droogte ruim bygedra tot die bou van die ontsoutingsaanleg (deur gebruik van eie fondse) en aaneenlopend miljoene rande vir onderhoud sedert die indiensstelling van die aanleg. Indirek ook vir die nasionale droogterampfonds se kapitaalbydrae tot die bou van die aanleg deur belastinge aan die nasionale regering ens.

Hierdie aanleg behoort dus aan die

inwoners en belastingbetalers van Mosselbaai wat nie net die kostes moet dra maar ook die voordele van die aanleg behoort te geniet.

Gegewe die veranderlike natuur van reënval (en hidrologiese beginsels) is iets dus drasties verkeerd met adv. Gillomee se stelling dat volhoubare watersekerheid aan Total se bedrywighede aangebied kan word. Sulke beloftes kan net gemaak word ten koste van die inwoners en belastingbetalers van Mosselbaai wat totaal onaantoonbaar is. Moet die inwoners van Mosselbaai aan striemende waterbeperkings en kostestygings in die prys van water onderwerp word terwyl Total en ander industrieë versekerde lewering geniet?

Mosselbaai belastingbetalers kan wel die voordeel van die ontsoutingsaanleg geniet indien die munisipaliteit gedurende tye dat die Wolwedamsdamvlakke laag is (byvoorbeeld tot so laag as 40%) die ontsoutingsaanleg in tandem met damlewering gebruik voordat enige "striemende waterbeperkings en kostestygings" ingestel word. Die koste van water wat deur die ontsoutingsaanleg gelewer word is heelwat minder as die huidige munisipale tariewe.

Kommentaar:

Die munisipaliteit reageer: "Die stelling dat Mosselbaai-munisipaliteit roem op waterkwaliteit is gedoen in vergelyking met dit van ander dorpe en stede."

Tide warning: avoid seafood

Klaus Plöger, writes:

A stripe of red tide is moving slowly in our bay. We experience this from time to time in March or April. No fish should be eaten that had contact with this red tide.



Klaus Plöger took this photo of the red tide in the bay.

Proposed fish meal plant downright reckless

markets. According to the specialist Air Quality Impact Assessment which has been prepared for the project "it is generally accepted that odours will always be generated during fish meal production processes".

The report also refers to it as "offensive odours". Although the report suggests that certain mitigating measures could be implemented, there can be no guarantee that the area, which houses prime tourist attractions such as the Dias Museum

Complex, the Santos Blue Flag beach, the Goods Shed Flea Market, the Point area and some of Mossel Bay's best restaurants and accommodation facilities, will not be engulfed permanently by the stench of rotten fish. It would be downright reckless if the local and other authorities allow the project, which will seriously affect the value of hundreds of residential properties within a radius of two kilometres of the plant, as well as result in many job losses in the tourism industry, to proceed.

Port an 'enabler' for Brulpadda

■ Nicky le Roux

Mossel Bay may be the smallest of Transnet National Ports Authority's (TNPA's) commercial ports on the South African coast, yet it is the only one that operates two offshore mooring points within port limits, port manager Shadrack Tshikalange said at a meeting last week, where economic growth opportunities in the area were discussed by various stakeholders.

French oil and gas company Total recently announced the significant discovery of gas condensate off Mossel Bay.

Gas condensate is predominantly gas but

with traces of oil.

It is expected that this project may generate R1 trillion for the SA economy over the next 20 years.

Mossel Bay will, however, have to convince

Total, which holds a

45% working interest

along with Qatar

Petroleum (25%),

CNR International

(20%) and Main Street

(10%), that facilities

in the region are ready to accept and process

the product.

"There is a five to six year horizon to

get ready for production, yet the question

One of the advantages is that Mossel Bay is home to one of the few gas-to-liquids refineries in the world.

remains whether Total will be interested in using existing infrastructure," PetroSA operations manager Michael Nene warned.

He said Total would have to be convinced of the ease of use of local infrastructure over that of Cape Town or Port Elizabeth.

He emphasised that the Mossel Bay port

should also be marketed as an enabler for the fruition of the Brulpadda project, considering its proximity to Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, and taking into account the infrastructure of the region, such as the

nearby George Airport.

Garden Route District municipal manager Monde Stratu reiterated that the port of Mossel Bay forms part of the district municipality integrated development plan. "The district municipality is excited about the prospects of the Brulpadda project."

The current depth of the existing harbour and proposed alterations to the current infrastructure were discussed.

One of the advantages is that Mossel Bay is home to one of the few gas-to-liquids refineries in the world. The Brulpadda find contains condensates – a kind of light crude oil – which only PetroSA's Mossel Bay refinery can process.

Work resumes on harbour administration building

A new contractor, RUWACON, has been appointed by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) to conclude the extension of the Port of Mossel Bay administration building.

The project, valued at approximately R16 000 000, is expected to be completed during the second half of 2020.

Construction initially began in September 2015 but stalled due to performance issues with the original contractor. The previous contract was cancelled and TNPA then proceeded with an open tender process to appoint a new contractor, following which, RUWACON was appointed.

Port Manager, Shadrack Tshikalange, said the extension was essential as the port had continued to employ more people in line with Transnet's Market Demand Strategy (MDS), which aimed to create jobs and drive economic growth.

"The extension and modifications to the building aim to provide port users with a

more public friendly building, more efficient service and improved building access, especially for the physically disadvantaged. It will accommodate 56 staff members once complete," he said.

"Additionally, we anticipate that 30 jobs will be created as a result from this project and this is significant as it contributes Operation Phakisa's mandate of job creation."

The extension entails additional office space to cater for new employees. An entrance foyer, which was not previously part of the administration building, will be added to accommodate clientele. A new glass lift will also be installed in the building to cater for people with physical disabilities.

Tshikalange said port access during construction will be affected.

"The road linking SEAVUNA and the Civil Workshop, which passes by the administration building, will have limited access during the project's duration. People



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and vehicles entering the Port towards Vincent Jetty and the SEAVUNA area will be required to enter the Port through Gate 1," he said.

Tshikalange said the management and employees of the Port of Mossel Bay were looking forward to having the building completed by the end of next year.

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Brulpadda: 'Support guaranteed'

■ Nicky le Roux

Mossel Bay is ideally situated to offer offshore facilities and services to global energy giant Total following the significant gas condensate discovery on the Brulpadda prospects, located on Block 11B/12B in the Outeniqua Basin, 175 kilometres off the coast.

However, Total E&P South Africa logistics manager Patrick Flévet, although optimistic, cautioned that a lot of exploration work still has to be done to ensure the viability of the source.

He said the condensate found in recent explorations is currently being examined in

France.

"We have an impression of what to expect from the well, but further exploration will have to be done in the months to come to determine the extent and viability of the well."

It is expected at least three more exploration wells will have to be drilled and seismic tests have been conducted to determine the site for these.

"Total's first attempt to drill the Brulpadda Prospect in 2014 was suspended prior to reaching target due to difficulties experienced

Total will be welcomed and can expect excellent service delivery from one of the best municipalities in the Western Cape.

in the harsh deepwater environment. After extensive review of the challenging surface conditions, Total contracted the Odjell Deepsea Stavanger semi-submersible rig to drill the Brulpadda-1AX re-entry well in

December 2018. That well has since been capped with concrete pending further exploration work."

Flévet told a high level delegation who met with him at the Mossel Bay Municipality on Wednesday, 6 March.

Adding to an array of national and

international business that have made Mossel Bay their base, Total will be welcomed and can expect excellent service delivery from the best municipality in the Western Cape.

This was one of the messages conveyed to Flévet. Municipal Manager Adv Thys Gillmore explained that Mossel Bay Municipality staff are passionate about service delivery. Apart from being able to offer sustainable water security, the town excels at services that would make it the ideal offshore base for Total's operations.

"We may not be the largest municipality

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Port ready for service

According to Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), the Port of Mossel Bay is well equipped to provide value following global energy giant Total's significant gas condensate discovery. This discovery is on the Brulpadda prospects, on Block 11B/12B in the Outeniqua Basin, 175 kilometres off Mossel Bay.

Mossel Bay port manager Shadrack

Tshikalange said the port's role in the drilling expedition involved providing land and quay space for the logistics base, operations, as well as marine services such as piloting, berthing, craft services and vessel and traffic control, to the vessels involved in the exercise.

"The oil rig Deepsea Stavanger, operated off this coastline and a number of vessels for the emerging oil industry called at

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Supply vessel Pacific Dragon

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With Flévet is Anelli Gerber (Mossel Bay Tourism COO), Adv Thys Giliomee (municipal manager), Brenda Vorster (George Airport Manager), Mossel Bay Executive Mayor, Alderman Harry Levendal, Shadrack Tshikalange (Mossel Bay Port Manager) and Gwynne Harding (Acting Director of Corporate Affairs, Mossel Bay Municipality). Photos: Nickey le Roux

'Support guaranteed'

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but we are the best. Size may also hamper service delivery, yet the Mossel Bay Municipality's employees are driven and well known for going the extra mile," Adv Giliomee said.

He added that there are decided advantages to not being such a large town, as immediate service delivery can be guaranteed.

"Mossel Bay can offer 18% spare capacity of electricity, and unlike other municipalities, does not owe Eskom any outstanding debt.

"Furthermore, municipal services such as the provision of water can be guaranteed, considering the town boasts the largest desalination plant in Africa."

Advocate Giliomee highlighted the excellent healthcare facilities in town,

saying the Life Bay View Hospital has consistently ranked among the top three private hospitals in the country for a number of consecutive years. He also mentioned the stable political landscape and said it augurs well for future investment.

Speaking on behalf of businesses in Mossel Bay, Shirley Schmidt, a well known business woman who has been closely involved with Total during the Brulpadda exploration phase, said opportunities would extend to the rest of the Southern Cape.

She cautioned that Mossel Bay businesses should embrace the opportunities without creating false expectations of job creation in the short term.

"All services in town should be geared towards service delivery; businesses should embrace a state of readiness considering the very high service delivery standards that will be expected."

She added that Mossel Bay is the only oil/gas town in South Africa and therefore uniquely positioned to capitalise on the opportunities.

Mossel Bay port manager Shadrack Tshikalange said there never before had been such a good challenge for the port to grow as an anchor of economic development and growth for the town.

"We would like to thank Total for using the Port of Mossel Bay during the exploration phase," he said. "We are open for business."

Work together

He called for a high level meeting with the executive management of TNPA to explore opportunities, requirements and needs.

"In Mossel Bay we work together; you will never go wrong when doing business with

this city," Tshikalange said.

Several opportunities exist for the Mossel

Bay airfield to be used more extensively, Henk van Wyk of the Aeroclub said. He elaborated on planned extensions to the airfield and said several surveys are being conducted to make it a reality. "The length of the runway can be extended."

A similar message was conveyed by George Airport manager Brenda Vorster. She explained several expansion programmes and said plans were to extend the footprint of the airport to other local airports and even international destinations.

"It is important to change the mindset to deliver cargo via airports and harbours to clear the country's clogged roads," she said.

Mayor Levendal stressed that Total will be met with the utmost support and invited further discussions to ensure that Mossel Bay is used as a support base for ongoing operations.

'You will never go wrong when doing business with this city.'



Representatives of the Garden Route District Municipality, the George Airport, the Port of Mossel Bay, SCEP and Mossel Bay Tourism met with Total E&P South Africa logistics manager Patrick Flévet to discuss business development opportunities.

Port ready for Brulpadda

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28000.

Future Prospects

In its media statement Total said: "Following the success of Brulpadda and confirmation of the play potential, Total and its partners plan to acquire 3D seismic this year, followed by up to four exploration wells on this license."

The Block 11B/12B covers an area of 19 000 square kilometers, with water depths ranging from 200 to 1 800 meters, and is operated by Total with a 45% working interest, alongside Qatar Petroleum (25%), CNR international (20%) and Main Street, a South African consortium (10%)."

Writing for *The Conversation*, Robert Scholes, a Systems Ecologist at the Global Change Institute (GCI), University of the Witwatersrand and Rod Crompton, adjunct

professor, African Energy Leadership Centre, Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand, said: "The government's energy policy and its Gas Utilisation Master

Plan agree that South Africa could usefully increase the amount of natural gas in the mix. It wants to diversify away from coal and imported crude oil."

They added: "Since there's a captive market nearby, Total – an international, for profit company that will charge a market-related price for its gas – will almost certainly first try to sell it locally, rather than incur the cost of transporting it elsewhere. The most likely first candidates will be the PetroSA gas-to-liquids plant and the Gourikwa (diesel) power station near Mossel Bay."

In its own statement the South African government said: "Cabinet has lauded the offshore discovery of gas condensate by oil company Total that could contain one billion barrels of resources, which will significantly boost the country's oil and gas supplies." It said the gas discovery ties into government's efforts to develop the "ocean economy" through the second phase of its Operation Phakisa. Government's Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy programme is at work in Mossel Bay, where a slipway upgrade is in the pipeline and the port has entered into a Service Level Agreement with PetroSA to provide SETA accredited apprenticeship training to 15 youth from previously disadvantaged communities in Mossel Bay.



Supply vessel Far Starling at the Port of Mossel Bay.

Mossel Bay. During this particular exploration exercise, the various supply vessels made regular use of our berths.

"Our port is also able to provide a craft service to do crew changes and stores delivery offshore," said Tshikalange.

Closest to Cape Town

Mossel Bay is the smallest of the commercial ports on the South African coast. It is the only South African port that operates two offshore mooring points within port limits. It is also home to one of only a few gas-to-liquids refineries around the world, though the port deals mostly with the fishing industry.

The Brulpadda find contains condensates – a kind of light crude oil – which only PetroSA's Mossel Bay refinery can process.

Total's drilling campaign commenced in November 2018 and is due to be completed in March. It involves one rig and a fleet of four vessels being managed by AfriShore Shipping Pty Ltd on behalf of Total.

Vessels

The Deepsea Stavanger rig worked about 180km offshore of Mossel Bay. Supply vessels that worked alongside the Deepsea Stavanger are the *Bourbon Diamond*, *Pacific Dragon*, the *Far Starling* and the *Normand Ranger*.

The *Bourbon Diamond* is a large platform supply vessel for deepwater operations and has a deadweight of 4 850 tons and break horsepower (BHP) of 9 790. The vessel has been working on the Total project from the onset transporting supplies between the Deepsea Stavanger and the port.

The *Pacific Dragon*, belonging to Swire Pacific Offshore, joined the project halfway through the drilling programme and has only visited the Port of Mossel Bay once as she has a deeper draught and is tide dependant.

She was mainly used to uplift bunkers in Cape Town and discharge to the Deepsea Stavanger. She has a bollard pull of 220-238 tonnes, BHP of 17 614 and deadweight of 4542.84 tonnes.

Solstadt Offshore ASA has two vessels involved, namely the *Far Starling*, with a deadweight of 4000mt and BHP of 9996, and the *Normand Ranger*, with a deadweight of 3954mt and BHP of

Allegations of animal cruelty investigated by police

Corielle Garstens

The Da Gamskop police are investigating two cases of animal cruelty.

Two former staff members of the Garden Route SPCA have been accused of a criminal offence in terms of the Animal Protection Act after a dog owner brought his boerboel to the branch to be euthanased.

The dog was brought in by its owner because of its aggression towards people. According to the police, the two former staff members covered the dog with a blanket in an attempt to restrain the dog, for their own protection. It is alleged that in the process of restraining the dog, it died of asphyxiation. The incident took place on 17 January.

In another case investigated, a man from the Asazani settlement in the ICC residential area, KwaNongqaba, allegedly killed a dog after not finding his earphones. The incident took place on 21 February when the suspect arrived at a neighbour's home, looking for his earphones.

The woman living at the premises, who is also the complainant in the matter, replied that the dog often played with such items. Upon hearing this, the man apparently grabbed hold of the dog by its leg and slammed it into the ground, killing it instantly.

Both cases are being investigated by Wg Deon Louw.

Plans for fish meal factory in harbour

■ Nickey le Roux

Mossel Bay residents have reacted with concern at the news that Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd, the owner of the canning factory in the harbour, is planning to establish a fish meal factory on the old I&J premises.

There are also plans to expand the canning factory to accommodate red herring, anchovy and other fish catches.

An opportunity allowing the public, neighbouring property owners and key stakeholders to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and consider or comment on the proposal started on 22 February. The cut-off date is 25 March.

Local concerns

Mossel Bay municipal manager Adv Thys Gillomee has asked residents to remain objective and consider the advanced technology which will be used - similar to what is already being used at the same type of plants in harbour towns, which have been in operation for some time.

Locals who have approached the *Mossel Bay Advertiser* have, however, vehemently complained about the potential impact of the fish meal factory, especially on the tourism industry.

They fear it may negatively impact plans for the harbour redevelopment into a waterfront and surmise that job losses in the tourism industry will far outstrip the potential employment gains proposed.

Residents fear the rotten fish odours associated with fish meal plants the world over will negatively impact their quality of life and devalue their seaside properties. Local experience of the existing fish meal

plant in Mossdustra exacerbates these concerns.

"For a town whose livelihood so heavily depends on the seasonal tourism sector, where huge investments are made, also by Mossel Bay Tourism and the municipality into tourism, town festivals and the marketing of the area as a choice tourism destination, it is difficult to imagine that investment can be negated and played off against the creation of some 200 jobs.

"The potential job losses in the tourism industry far outstrip that figure," a businessman who preferred to remain anonymous, said.

The Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Cape EAPrac) have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the legally required Environmental Application Process in terms of the relevant legislation. The competent authority, in this case, is the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) and the Garden Route District Municipality.

In a background document on the proposed development Cape EAPrac said expansion of the current Afro Fishing

facility to include fish meal and oil reduction processes was proposed on the current footprint of the old I&J facility, with a new canning store adjacent to the current Afro Fishing store.

Sole purpose

Afro Fishing proposes the harvesting of industrial fish such as anchovy, red-eye, and the like from local waters for the sole purpose of producing fish meal and fish oil.

The expansion project will include the fish meal and oil reduction plant; a fish freezing

plant; cold storage; a fish meal warehouse, and a new canned product warehouse.

The proposed alterations will allow Afro Fishing to process 1 000 tons per day of raw fish. The reduction process will include the following unit operations:

- Cooking
 - Pressing
 - Liquid-solid separation
 - Steam drying
 - Waste heat evaporation
 - Oil-liquid separation
 - Cooling / grinding / bagging
 - Boilers for steam generation
- Cape EAPrac states that Afro Fishing (Pty)



Ltd envisages an investment of R300m to R350m in this project.

The investment will diversify Afro Fishing into other fishing, namely anchovy, sardinella and red-eye herring. The proposed project will produce fish meal and fish oil products for export markets, with the expansion potentially increasing direct employment from the current 341, to approximately 560 persons.

Cape EAPrac also said the project will increase the canned fish production of which a large percentage of the canned fish production goes into the National Schools Nutrition Programme, where Afro Fishing supplies "affordable protein" for school

feeding

Odour control

The design of the plant, especially the use of RTO (regenerative thermal oxidation), is said to be based on a similar facility, Nareiso Dias & Filhos, LDA, located in Peniche, Portugal.

The reason for this is due to the similarity in location - a seaside town with tourism as a main driver for the economy.

The use of RTO in the plant led to significantly improved odour control and eliminated offensive odours previously experienced.

The RTO destroys hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and odorous emissions.

Approval

The harbour is zoned as Transport 1 with various consent uses. The expansion of the Afro Fishing facility to include a fishmeal and oil reduction facility will require consent for use and other planning approval from the Mossel Bay Municipality. Going forward, registered interested and affected persons will be provided

an opportunity to review and comment on the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) when they become available.

Send your registration request, name and full contact details, and any preliminary comments for the attention of Melissa MacKay, to Cape-EAPrac, PO Box 2070, George, 6530.

The contact details are 044 874 0365 and mel@cape-eaprac.co.za

The source of this report is the background information document on the proposed development compiled by Cape-EAPrac.

For this full document in Pdf format, visit www.mosselbayadvertiser.com

Adv Thys Gillomee has asked residents to remain objective and consider the advanced technology which will be used



Peggy Roux, so Amanda Lordon, Elmarie Landman en Taylor Shelper het saamgewerk om 'n huisbraak verdagte in Heiderand vas te keer. Foto: Louise Karsten

Polisie en buurtwag keer verdagte aan

Die verdagte, in sy laat 30's is gearrester op 'n aanklag van poging tot inbraak.

■ Louise Karsten

"Dit wys jou weer, die polisie en buurtwag se samewerking is krities in die stryd teen misdaad," sê die Mosselbaai-polisiestasie se woordvoerder, ao Pieter Koekemoer nadat polisiebeampte, ao Amanda Lordon onlangs met die hulp van Heiderand-buurtwagde 'n huisbraakverdagte in hegtenis geneem het.

Lordon het op die betrokke dag 'n boodskap wat deur die Heiderand-

buurtwag op sosiale media gestuur is gelees terwyl sy aan diens was.

"Dit was 'n versoek om op die uitkyk te wees vir 'n man wat besig was om by 'n woning in die gebied te probeer inbreek." Lordon het die verdagte kort na die versoek, in die woongebied opgemerk en hom ondervra.

"Hy het hom teen die arrestasie verset en ons het begin stoei. Ek het versterking ingeroep en buurtwagde Peggy Roux, Elmarie Landman en Taylor Shelper het my bygestaan." Volgens Koekemoer het die verdagte pepersproei in sy besit gehad en is die vermoede dat hy dit gebruik om honde by wonings wat hy teiken te spuit.

Die verdagte, in sy laat 30's is gearrester op 'n aanklag van poging tot inbraak.

Verdere ondersoek het dit aan die lig gebring dat hy ook deur die departement korrektiewe dienste gesoek word in verband met 'n uitstaande lasbrief vir inhegtenisname.

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Petition against fish meal plant in Mossel Bay's harbour

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27 February 2019

The application by Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd. to establish a fish meal and fish oil manufacturing plant on the old I&J premises on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour caused such a public outcry that Mosselbayontheline was urged by several readers to launch a petition in order to prevent such a "short-sighted catastrophe from killing the town's thriving tourism industry and livelihood".

Local home and holiday home owners, as well as business owners, fear they will be left in the same position as residents in Hout Bay, Gansbaai and Saldanha Bay where all attempts, appeals, and lengthy court cases to curb the *unbearable stink that invariably goes hand in hand with such an industry* came to nothing.



They are also concerned about the impact on their property value, the pristine environment and that a fish meal factory will create much fewer job opportunities than it will cut jobs when restaurants and tourism industries have to close their doors due to the stench.

Questions are also raised about the viability and practicality of such an industry next to a planned multi-billion-rand-project to upgrade and enlarge the harbour area into an upmarket waterfront and tourism Mecca.

Afri Fishing, the current owner of the canning factory in the Mossel Bay harbour, also plans to expand the canning factory to accommodate red herring, anchovy and other fish species for the international export market.

While everybody supports job creation and the potential economic injection of such an industry, the majority is against the location and its negative impact on existing businesses, residents, the environment and especially tourism.

The ongoing battle of residents in other coastal towns where similar fish meal factories are operating should be a fair indication and timeous warning of the widespread impact of such a plant.

The biggest concern is the proven inability of the respective authorities to police, monitor and enforce all the legal procedures and legislation pertaining to such an industry.

Another concern is the ongoing drought and where the water for such water-intensive industries must come from.

Last year, two desalination plants were launched at Lucky Star's cannery and fish meal operations on the West Coast to relieve their dependence on the West Coast district municipality's water supply . . . Is the same route going to be followed in Mossel Bay?

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/lucky-star-operations-in-western-cape-get-two-desalination-plants-2018-07-11>

"If nothing and nobody could henceforth manage to successfully curb the unbearable stink and negative impact of these fish meal factories anywhere in the world, what makes Mossel Bay think they will have the ultimate solution? What's happening in Hout Bay and Saldanha Bay is an exact example of what can be expected here", was said.



Photo: The Lucky Star factory, a subsidiary of the Oceana Group, emits a smell of rotting fish and has had Hout Bay residents up in arms for years with no resolution in sight. Photo: David Ritchie

Read more here: <https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/fresh-air-for-hout-bay-fails-in-bid-to-close-smelly-factory-15463313>

The stealthy way in which plans and the public participation process for such an invasive industry were announced, also ruffled some feathers and is reminiscent of the out-of-the-blue soil-turning ceremony last year to publicly celebrate a chemical plant next to PetroSA . . . which has apparently since been discarded, or at least, placed on the back burner?

<http://www.mosselbayontheline.co.za/index.php/news/breaking-news/206-total-turnabout-regarding-controversial-chemical-plant>

The first word that the public heard of any plans for such a controversial fish meal plant was an unobtrusive official notice published on a back page of last week's Advertiser (22 February 2019), along with a deadline to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and to submit written comments to the Cape Environmental Association on or before 25 March 2019.

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Cape EAPrac PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS AFRO FISHING, MOSSEL BAY

Call for Interested & Affected Parties for the proposed fish meal and oil reduction facility at the Afro Fishing Facility in Mossel Bay

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998 as amended) and the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act 29 of 2004).

An Application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and an Atmospheric Emissions License (AEL) will be submitted to the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEASDP) and Garden Route District Municipality respectively as the competent authorities for decision making. The applicant is proposing an expansion to the existing Afro Fishing processing facility to include a fish meal and oil reduction facility on the old I&J premises adjacent to the existing cannery.

DEASDP Reference Number: TBC
Location: Quay 1, Mossel Bay Harbour
Proponent: Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Consultant: Cape EAPrac
Exemptions: No Exemptions to the EIA regulations have been applied for.

Documents Available: A Background Information Document (BID) will be available on request to registered I&APs and on the Cape EAPrac website (www.cape-eaprac.co.za).

The procedures for a **Basic Assessment** process in terms of the NEMA 2014 Regulations for EA (R227) as amended and NEM AQAR203 are being followed for this application. The following listed activities are applicable:
NEMA R227: Activity 34
NEM AQAR203: Category 10

Date of Advertisement: 22 February 2019 (Mossel Bay Advertiser & Die Burger)

In order to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), individuals are requested to respond to this notice by submitting their complete contact details and any comment to Cape EAPrac in writing (to address below) on or before **Monday 25 March 2019**. [Correspondence throughout the remainder of the environmental process will only be distributed to registered I&APs.] The documentation associated with the assessment of the development can be viewed on the Cape EAPrac website at www.cape-eaprac.co.za or on request.

Cape EAPrac (Attention: Melissa Mackay)
 P O Box 2070 George 6530
 Telephone: 044 874 0305 | Facsimile: 044 874 0432
 Email: info@cape-eaprac.co.za

A 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN PROVIDED. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019



MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPALITY



People complained that such unobtrusive notices in a community paper, as well as the short deadline times for objections, are grossly unfair and suspicious, as only a handful of affected parties see or read such official notices and by the time they become aware of the implications of such an industry, it is too late to object.

"What about homeowners living abroad or elsewhere in the country? How must they know about plans for such ambitious industries that pose disastrous threats to their property value and quality of life in order to object timeously?"

Mosselbayontheline was bombarded with comments and questions from concerned residents after we wrote about Afro Fishing's plans; and within hours after we launched the petition, more than 100 have signed it and over 300 recommended the petition.

Here are some of the public commentaries and objections:

* *"Penny wise and a pound foolish.*

Gee 200 werk by Vismeel fabriek en AL die Restaurante in die omgewing maak toe agv omgewing... Dan begin toerisme afneem... Nog mense in toerisme bedryf werkloos... Besighede wat staatmaak op seisoenale inkomste maak toe... Eiendomsmerk val deur die vloer en kontrakteurs maak toe... tel al hierdie mense wie se brood en botter in gevaar is bymekaar... dalk meer as die 200 nuwe jobs wat beloof word. O', jou eiendom is ook skielik minder werd...klink goed né!?"

* *"They better have excellent abatement methods in place to mitigate the smells if they proceed... stinky emissions can have many far-reaching negative impacts on the town; from impacts on tourism and the local community; to property prices and eventually job losses... It's not a simple situation and job creation in the short term is not the only determining factor... it will need good and thorough planning to be successful!"*

- *"This is not about eating fish or stopping fishing. It's about a smelly fish meal (not for human consumption) plant in an area that is dependent on tourism. Tourists do not go to smelly places to spend their money."*
- *"All I'm concerned about is the location of the plant. Right in the tourist area. Some weeks ago there was talk of enlarging the harbour to accommodate the large cruise ships that come here. That would then become a rather pointless development as tourists will not enjoy the smell. What about an alternative position for the plant, Mosdustria? Then you can create additional jobs for transporting fish to the plant etc."*
- *Tourism is the goose that keeps laying golden eggs, killing it is not a wise thing."*
- *"That smell!!! Be like St Helena ...and when the breeze blows towards town....you guys better run.... lock up ..everything is going to smell fishy!!!! No thanks. If it was on the outskirts of town different setup altogether."*
- *"Jy gaan argumentsonthalwe, 50 werksgeleenthede skep. Maar, nou stink Mosselbaai en besoekers bly weg. Hoeveel mense gaan hulle werk dan verloor? 'n 1000? 10000? Ter wille om net 50 werk te gee. Kyk na die groter prentjie en die skade wat dit kan berokken."*

Underneath is a link to the petition that we launched late last night on public demand. Within hours, more than 130 people signed it and over 340 recommended the petition.

Residents feel the potential impact of the stinky fish meal factory on the tourism industry and the overall image of the town as a coveted holiday destination, will be devastating.

If you are against this industry, please sign the petition and give reasons why you object to its establishment. We need as many petitioners as possible to stop this smelly business in its tracks before it's too late!

https://www.petitions.net/say_no_to_a_fish_meal_and_fish_oil_factory_on_quay_1_in_mossel_bay_harbour#form

Photo: Fishmeal Factory - Processing fish at fishmeal factory in Nouadhibou, Mauritania. Cape-CFFA.

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Photo: The controversial fish meal plant in Hout Bay that has had residents and tourists up in arms for decades - without a proper solution.

<https://www.iol.co.za/capetown/news/fresh-air-for-houtbaai-falls-in-bid-to-close-smelly-factory-15463313>

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Petition link:

https://www.petitions.net/say_no_to_a_fish_meal_and_fish_oil_factory_on_quay_1_in_mossel_bay_harbour#form

Read the background here:

<http://www.mosselbayontheline.co.za/index.php/news/breaking-news/214-public-only-has-one-month-to-object-to-plans-for-fish-meal-and-fish-oil-factory-on-quay-1-on-mossel-bay-harbour>



Fish meal and fish oil factory proposed on Quay 1 at Mossel Bay harbour

[Breaking News](#)

23 February 2019

The Mossel Bay public and affected stakeholders only have till 25 March 2019 to register as affected parties in order to complain or give their input regarding a proposed fish meal and fish oil reduction facility on I&J's old premises on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay harbour.

Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd. apparently wants to harvest industrial fish species such as anchovy, red-eye, etc. from local waters to produce fish meal and fish oil for the international export market.

This application by Afro Fishing is one of many industries currently considered by the Western Cape Government to boost the Southern Cape's economy and employment rate.

But at what cost to the environment and local residents? If PetroSA, ESKOM and almost every governmental department are bankrupt and under investigation for fraud, incompetence, and corruption, what are the guarantees that a stinky fish meal factory next to other businesses and tourist attractions in Mossel Bay's harbour will be managed and policed well?



Photo: Dirty fishmeal production in Nouadhibou, Mauritania

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

22 FEBRUARY 2019

Introduction Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the legally required Environmental Application Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998 as amended), the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations & the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEM:AQA, Act 39 of 2004), for the proposed development of a fish meal and fish oil reduction facility on the old I&J properties on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay Harbour on behalf of the Applicant, Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd.

The competent authority, in this case, is the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP): George office and the Garden Route District Municipality.

This Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Application takes cognisance of the following legislation:

- ☐ National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) & the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended);
- ☐ National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act; ☐ National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (NEM: ICMA);
- ☐ Western Cape Land Use Planning Act; and
- ☐ Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, Project Proposal (preferred alternative)

The expansion of the current Afro Fishing facility to include fish meal and oil reduction processes is proposed on the current footprint of the old I&J facility, with a new canning store adjacent to the current Afro Fishing store.

The proposal entails the harvesting of industrial fish, e.g. anchovy, red-eye, etc., from local waters for the sole purpose of producing fishmeal and fish oil.

The expansion project will include the following:

1. Fish meal and oil reduction plant
2. Fish freezing plant
3. Cold store
4. Fish meal warehouse
5. New canned product warehouse

The reduction process will include the following unit operations: -- Cooking -- Pressing -- Liquid-solid separation -- Steam drying -- Waste heat evaporation -- Oil-liquid separation -- Cooling / grinding / bagging -- Boilers for steam generation. The plant will have a capacity to process 1 000 tons per day of raw fish. The proposed project will produce fish meal and fish oil products for export markets.



Photo: Fishmeal Factory - Processing fish at fishmeal factory in Nouadhibou, Cape-CFFA.

The project will positively impact local service providers, the Mossel Bay economy, SMME's and ancillary industries. In terms of employment opportunities, the expansion will increase direct employment from 341 to approximately 560 persons. Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd envisages an investment of R300-350m in this project. The investment will diversify Afro Fishing into other fisheries, namely anchovy, sardinella and red-eye herring.

The project will increase the canned fish production of which a large percentage of the canned fish production goes into the National Schools Nutrition Programme where Afro Fishing supplies 'affordable protein' for school feeding. The design of the plant, especially the use of RTO (re-generative thermal oxidation) is based on a similar facility, Narciso Dias & Filhos, LDA, located in Peniche, Portugal.

The reason for this is due to the similarity in location (seaside town) with tourism as a main driver for the economy. The use of RTO in the plant led to significantly improved odour control management and eliminated offensive odour.

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AFRO FISHING FISH MEAL & OIL REDUCTION FACILITY Quay 1, Mossel Bay Harbour*

Location & Site Context See Location / SDP Plans attached in document: www.cape-eaprac.co.za



Afro Fishing is located on Quay 1 of the Mossel Bay Harbour. The development property is immediately adjacent to the west which was previously utilised by I&J.

The existing buildings will be demolished to accommodate the new development which will have a slightly smaller footprint. The property was put out on tender for commercial / industrial use by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) as owners of the harbour facility. Afro Fishing was awarded the tender to develop the property as per the TNPA's future planning goals for the Mossel Bay harbour.

Planning Context

The harbour is zoned as Transport 1 with various consent uses. The expansion of the Afro Fishing facility to include a fishmeal and oil reduction facility will require consent use and other planning approval from the local municipality.

Environmental Context

The harbour is surrounded by a mixture of developments, including residential, commercial and tourism facilities. This makes it a sensitive site for developments that may negatively impact on people in terms of offensive odours, even though it has an industrial nature in itself.

The entire area has already been significantly transformed and there are sensitive terrestrial biodiversity aspects remaining on the site. Afro Fishing currently holds a Coastal Waters Discharge Permit in terms of the NEM: ICMA which will need to be amended in order to accommodate discharge from the proposed fishmeal and fish oil facility.

What is the purpose of this document?

The main purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to:

- ☐ Provide potential “Interested and Affected Parties” (I&APs) and Stakeholders with information regarding the proposed development; and
- ☐ Explain the way forward for the environmental process.

Basic Assessment (BA) Environmental process

The proposed development triggers the following listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No.107 of 1998 as amended) and 2014 NEMA Regulations (as amended) and the National Environmental Management:

Air Quality Act (NEM:AQA, Act 39 of 2004): NEMA Listing Notice 1 (GN No. R.327):

☐ Activity 34: The expansion of existing facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity where such expansion will result in the need for a permit or license or an amended permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions, effluent or pollution. [The expansion to include the fishmeal / fish oil reduction plant will require an amendment to the current Coastal Waters Discharge Permit and will require a new Air Emissions License] NEM:AQA (GN No. R.893):

☐ Category 10 (Animal Matter Processing): Processes for the rendering, cooking, drying, dehydrating, digesting, evaporating or protein concentrating of any animal matter not intended for human consumption at all installations handling more than 1 ton of raw materials per day. The procedures of a Basic Assessment (BA) Environmental Application Process, as per the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), will be undertaken to seek Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned activities. If such an EA is issued, the Garden Route District Municipality will consider the issuing of an Air Emissions License for the facility.

Stakeholder Engagement

This BID forms part of the pre-application public participation process (PPP) allowing neighbouring property owners and key stakeholders the opportunity to register as ‘Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs)’ and consider / comment on the proposal. Going forward, registered I&APs will be provided an opportunity to review & comment on the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) when they become available.

Input/comments received during process will be considered and responded to in the final report, to be submitted to the competent authority for review and decision-making. The following steps, amongst others, will be undertaken as part of the EIA Process:

- ☐ Identifying potential Interested and Affected Parties (“I&AP’s”);
- ☐ Advertising a ‘Call for Registration of Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs)’ in a local newspaper (Mossel Bay Advertiser) with an initial registration and comment period of 30-days, extending from 22 February to 25 March 2019;

Advertising in a regional newspaper (Suid Kaap Burger) with an initial registration and comment period of 30-days, extending from 22 February to 25 March 2019;

Problems

Why and how should you get involved? Names and details of members of the public who respond to the legal advert & notices (calling for Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) to register) will be captured on the project Stakeholder Register.

All written comments provided will also be recorded. According to the Guidelines on Public Participation, only those parties that submit their full contact details for registration purposes &/or who submit comments will be registered.

Documentation containing incomplete, or no contact details, may not be considered.

In the event that you (or any other party you may be aware of) have an interest in the environmental process, or feel that you may be affected by the proposed development, you are invited to register as an I&AP for the environmental process, within the 30-day registration period, extending from 22 February to 25 March 2019.

I&APs are requested to submit their full contact details, in writing, to Cape EAPrac at the address provided at the end of this document.

**TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP, PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION REQUEST, NAME & FULL CONTACT DETAILS, AND ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS TO: Cape-EAPrac ATT: Ms Melissa Mackay
PO Box 2070 George 6530 Telephone: 044 874 0365 Fax: 044 874 0432 E-mail: mel@cape-eaprac.co.za**

If you are against the fish meal plant, please sign and share the petition here:

https://www.petitions24.com/say_no_to_a_fish_meal_and_fish_oil_factory_on_quay_1_in_mossel_bay_harbour#form

<http://www.mosselbayontheline.co.za/index.php/news/215-public-outcry-against-fish-meal-plant-in-mossel-bay-harbour>

Read the complete document with site maps and location here:

CAPE-EAPRAC.CO.ZA

www.cape-eaprac.co.za

Also read about the potential dangers, pollution, environmental impact and other problems with fish meal factories elsewhere in the world:

Dirty fishmeal production in Nouadhibou, Mauritania



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Stated by the Minister of Fishing as 'the price for development,' the city of Nouadhibou is experiencing grave health consequences from its fishmeal production.

<https://ejatlas.org/conflict/dirty-fishmeal-production-in-nouadhibou-mauritania>

"The problem with fishmeal is that for one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of fishmeal you are using at least five to 10 kilograms of fish. So you are also destroying the value of fresh fish for the population," Francisco Mari, an expert on fishing at the relief and development agency Bread for the World, told DW.

<https://www.dw.com/en/foreign-appetite-for-fish-meal-threatens-west-africans-livelihood/a-44506336>

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