



What is the most important function of an Aquarium?

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At the Two Oceans Aquarium we believe that education is an Aquarium's most important function. Our education unit has developed a strategy to guide our activities. Because we work mainly with schools, we employ formally qualified and experienced teachers with a good understanding of the curriculum. Our excellent relationships with district, provincial and national education structures benefit our programmes tremendously.

To satisfy our mission statement, we are developing a three-tier education programme focusing on experiential learning activities:

1. School group excursions include a discovery centre experience in the Aquarium and hands-on outreach visits to impoverished communities.
2. More intensive week-long programmes like the Young Biologist Course for senior high school students include lectures and practical sessions, written assessments and projects that enable students to apply what they have learnt in their communities.
3. We are developing a Marine Science Academy that will allow students to collect course credits incrementally year on year. We hope to motivate and equip candidates to study marine science after school.

The South African education system is in crisis. We believe that our qualified and committed education team can be part of addressing both the challenges in education, and the imperative to conserve our marine environment.