

AIMURE

African Institute for Marine and Underwater Research, Exploration and Education

Organisation, objectives, projects, partners, plans and finances



Organisation

The AIMURE is a non-profit, non-governmental international organisation with a strong focus on the African continent.

It's board consists of five members:

Dr. Stranger Kgamphe

Ms. Angelika Leader

Dr. Edward Harris

Mr. Harry Gerritsen

Dr. Bruno Werz

Chairman (South Africa)

Secretary (South Africa)

Member (Bermuda)

Treasurer (The Netherlands)

- CEO (South Africa)



To actively develop and pursue projects that promote research, exploration and education related to the marine, maritime and underwater environments

The AIMURE consists of volunteers, liaises with other organisations, publicizes about projects, educates, acquires funding and has a social development programme for young people of previously disadvantaged communities



Due to the professional backgrounds and expertise of some of its scientists, an important part of the AIMURE's research programme is presently related to maritime and underwater archaeology. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Research of the Dutch East-India Company (VOC) ships 'Oosterland' and 'Waddinxveen' (1697);
- 2. Ongoing research of other wrecks in the Table Bay area;
- 3. Area surveys in South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique and Bermuda;
- 4. Specialist excavations, including that of sub-Saharan Africa's oldest shipwreck.



Projects (2)

AIMURE's Social Development Plan (SDP) is mentioned in our consitution as one of the objectives. With this programme AIMURE helps young people from previously disadvantaged communities by giving them training in swimming and diving. AIMURE provides in this programme:

- 1. Swimming courses (age 14 to 18);
- 2. Sport diving courses (age 16 to 18);
- 3. A commercial diving course (18 and over).

On a yearly base R 150.000 from sponsoring is needed for the programme.



Partners

Various organisations are supporting AIMURE's initiatives and projects including the:

- South African Navy (SAN);
- University of Cape Town (Department of Geological Sciences);
- University of Pretoria (Department of Historical and Heritage Studies);
- Council for Geoscience;
- South African Museum;
- Southampton Oceanography Centre (UK);
- National Museum of Bermuda (incl. Bermuda Maritime Museum);
- Scientific Exploration Society (UK);
- South African Police Services (SAPS) Western Cape Diving Unit;
- Zamani Project
- Museo Virtual Submarino Canarias



Plans

Extend the current public education programme through lectures, short courses and involvement in research;

Further develop the recently established AIMURE Dive Unit, as well as to increase underwater training;

Creating a Social Development Programme specifically aimed at young people from previously disadvantaged communities;

Ongoing publication of research results in academic journals and the popular media.



C. FINANCIAL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEARS 2013 AND 2014

		2013		2014		Total
Α.	Costs	R	945,000	R	1,319,600	R 2,264,600
В	Paying membership	R	-15,000	R	-25,000	R -40,000
С	Fundraising	R	-250,000	R	-500,000	R -750,000
D	Balance	R	-680,000	R	-794.600	R -1,474,600

The difference between the estimated costs and assets (income) of the AIMURE is rather high. This implicates that costs can only be made if sufficient assets are realised. Fundraising is a main priority in order to achieve the goals of the AIMURE.



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