

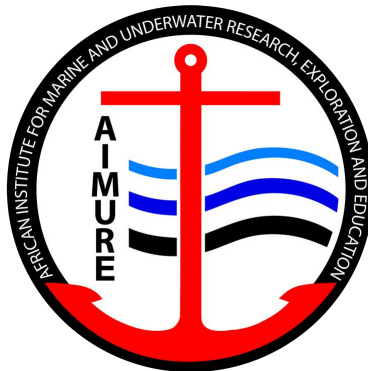
**AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARINE & UNDERWATER
RESEARCH, EXPLORATION & EDUCATION**

(AIMURE)

**(ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NOT FOR GAIN)
(Registration nr. 114-048 NPO)**

Annual Narrative and Financial Report

Year March 2023 - February 2024



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1. Background

In a special meeting held at Cape Town on 12 September 2012, the African Institute for Marine and Underwater Research, Exploration and Education (the AIMURE), a non-profit organisation, was established. The establishment was made effective by approval and acceptance of the Constitution of the AIMURE by its management committee.

The Constitution was sent to the Department of Social Development for registration of the new organisation. This registration took place on the 8 October 2012 with registration number 114-048 NPO. Only on 4 June 2013 the AIMURE got hold of the official Certificate of Registration after multiple efforts to obtain this document.

With this Certificate the office bearers Leader (Secretary) and Werz (CEO) were able to open a bank account at Nedbank, Constantia, Cape Town (Account nr. 1050 8827 41) on 10 June 2013.

The AIMURE is also registered with the South African Revenue Services (SARS). Tax Reference number: 9014/194/24/6.

Due to the consistent unsatisfactory service provided by Nedbank, the Board decided unanimously to close the account with Nedbank and to open a new account with Standard Bank. This took effect in October 2023. The Department of Social Development was duly informed of this change.

The details of the Standard Bank account are:

Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa

Account Holder: African Institute for Marine and Underwater Research, Exploration and Education (AIMURE)

Account Type: Current

Account Nr.: 1020 7146 835

Branch: Kenilworth Centre

Branch Code: 051 001

Swift Code: SBZA ZA JJ

With this document, the AIMURE describes the basic details about the organisation, the major achievements and lists the meetings and changes to the constitution (narrative), as well as the income and accounting details (financial report).

Attached is a statement from the accountant / financial officer to confirm the financial situation (Appendix A).

2. Narrative

2.1 Section A: Basic details about the organisation

2.1.1 Registration Number (Non-Profit Organisation Number):

114-048 NPO

2.1.2 Organisation's name:

African Institute for Marine & Underwater Research, Exploration & Education
(AIMURE)

2.1.3 The twelve-month period this Report covers:

1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024

2.1.4 Contact person (nominated by the Organisation):

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2.1.7 Organisation's Office Bearers (see also appendix B.):

Dr Sharad Master	Chairman
Ms Naazneen Khan	Member
Mr Bart Gielen	Member
Dr Bruno Werz	CEO

2.2 Section B: Major achievements

The AIMURE was able to take a couple of major steps forward to achieve the goals as described in the constitution, but also experienced some drawbacks.

Analyses of the metal finds from the 'Haarlem' test excavation are still outstanding due to various reasons. These include a backlog caused by the Covid pandemic and the rebuilding of laboratories at the University of Johannesburg. Although it was expected that analyses would have taken place around June-July 2023, the responsible scientist was not in a position to do so. Through the efforts of Chairman Dr Master, other scientists were approached to undertake the necessary analyses but no further feedback has been received to date.

Two articles with the cooperation of other authors have been prepared and await finalization before publication. These deal with fossil finds from the shipwrecks of the 'Oosterland' and 'Waddinxveen' (1697) in Table Bay and a planned cofferdam on the 'Haarlem' shipwreck site. It was indicated that the last-mentioned article will be published in May 2024.

Two other articles on the 'Haarlem' Shipwreck Project were written. One is of an historical nature and the other one on cartographic research undertaken. Both are planned to be published in Dutch popular academic journals during the course of 2024.

The CEO undertook several visits and had several meetings to further the objectives of the AMURE. During the course of October-November 2023, various meetings were held with Mr Marc Pos, a well-known Dutch TV producer. Mr Pos visited Cape Town and advised on promotional aspects re. the 'Haarlem'. This also included a meeting with the Dutch consul general, Mr Helene Rekkers on 31 October 2023 and South African TV producer Mr Johann Abrahams. On 6 February 2024 a meeting was held with Mr Adrian Meerburg and Mr Luke Denton of Fairbrother, to discuss core drilling on the suspected 'Haarlem' site. On 7 February 2024 a meeting was held to inform provincial minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ms Anroux Marais of the 'Haarlem' Project.

Promotion of the 'Haarlem' Project was also achieved through an extensive article by Mr Bobby Jordan in the 'Sunday Times' of 18 December 2023 and an extensive radio interview on the programme 'Cape Talk' on 19 December 2023.

To gauge the public interest in the 'Haarlem' Project, a questionnaire was developed and published on Google (Docs.Google.Com.Haarlem Shipwreck.Survey). This was followed by some visits to South Peninsula High School on 29 and 30 January 2024. Here, staff and students were informed of this project and requested to complete the questionnaire. To date, over 600 responses have been received. This project will continue in 2024, in order to obtain a minimum of 1000 responses. The results will then be analysed and published in an academic journal.

Following this, an effort was undertaken to contact various national government departments to ask for moral support for the 'Haarlem' Project. On 29 March 2023, letters were sent out via email to: the office of the state president, the deputy state president, the speaker of parliament, the ministries of basic and higher education, the ministry of sports, arts and culture, the ministry of social development and several others. To date, no response whatsoever has been received from any of these departments.

After many years of loyal support, our secretary Mrs Angelika Leader resigned from the AIMURE for personal reasons in October 2023. In August of that year, Ms Naazneen Khan was welcomed as a new board member.

The AIMURE was approached by a research group of the University of Tübingen in Germany and the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The aim is to start an international project aimed at searching for prehistoric sites underwater in the region. Negotiations are under-way for cooperation. In this way, Operation *Zembe*, a project that was started in the early 2000's, can be continued.

All of the mentioned useful activities have to be put into further actions or projects in order to reach the goals of the AIMURE.

2.3 Section C: List of meetings and changes to the constitution

The board of the AIMURE had Ordinary Board Meetings on the following dates:

16 August 2023
15 November 2023
15 February 2024

The Annual General Meeting for the period March 2022-February 2023 was originally planned for Wednesday 17 May 2023. It had to be postponed due to the unavailability of some members. Instead, the meeting was held on Wednesday 7 June 2023. During the actual book year, no changes to the constitution were made.

3. Financial report

3.1 Income and accounting details

<u>Bank balance on 1 March 2023</u>	R 501
<u>Donations</u>	R 200
<u>Repayments</u> as per recommendations on the 2023 report	R 4600
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Bank charges	R 961
<u>Bank balance on 29 February 2024</u>	R 4340.

Cape Town, 5 June 2024

As agreed by the Board of the AIMURE during the annual general meeting,

Dr. B.E.J.S. Werz, FSA (CEO of the AIMURE)

Appendix A: Financial Statement by the Accountant

Sent as separate attachment

Appendix B: List of Office Bearers

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