

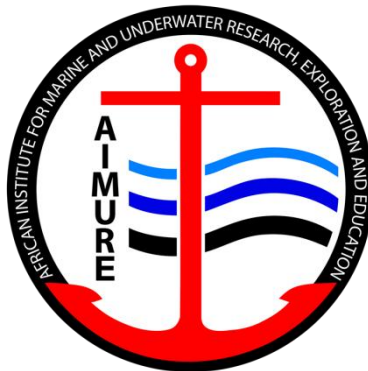
**AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARINE & UNDERWATER
RESEARCH, EXPLORATION & EDUCATION**

(AIMURE)

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

Annual Narrative and Financial Report

Year March 2025 - February 2026



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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.

The organisation's bank account details 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

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

With this Annual and Financial Narrative Report, 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).

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 2025 – 28 February 2026

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 initially included a backlog caused by the Covid pandemic and the rebuilding of laboratories at the University of Johannesburg. Although it was expected at the time 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 only limited feedback has been received to date. The latest news (email from Sharad Master to Bruno Werz, dated Sunday 26 April 2026) is that only 3 out of 10 samples have been analysed with the Tima machine to date. This is rather disturbing as the first samples were already made available towards the end of 2018.

The following articles were published.

B.E.J.S. Werz, Book review of Graeme Henderson, Robert de Hoop and Andrew Viduka, *Misadventures in Nature's Paradise: Australia's Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island during the Dutch Era* in: *International Journal of Maritime History* 36, 4 November 2024. (957-958).

B.E.J.S. Werz, 'Shipwrecks of the United Dutch East India Company (VOC) in Table Bay, South Africa During the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries' in: *The Mariner's Mirror* 111, 4. (405-424).

Another article, dealing with fossil finds from the shipwrecks of the *Oosterland* and *Waddinxveen* (1697) in Table Bay, is awaiting finalization by the second author. An article on geophysical surveys applied on the assumed wrecksite of *Haarlem* is in the writing stage.

The CEO is currently writing a book on the search for the shipwreck of *Haarlem*. This is going to be complementary to his 2017 Unisa publication *The Haarlem Shipwreck (1647): The Origins of Cape Town*. This new book will include new historical information, aspects of fieldwork as well as analyses of the recovered materials, as well as a section on legislation and Cultural Resource Management.

The CEO also completed the manuscript for an historical novel entitled *Anno 1647. How Cape Town began*. A Dutch translation, *Anno 1647. Hoe Kaapstad ontstond*, has also been prepared. This story focuses on the life of Andreas Felten, a German soldier who was on board *Haarlem* and later formed part of the crew that stayed behind on the shore of Table Bay to salvage as much as was possible from the wreck. The manuscripts have been offered to several publishers.

The CEO also produced the text for a children's book on the 'Haarlem'. Currently, discussions are under way with a professional artist, Mr Joshua Smith, regarding illustrations.

Television producer Mr Johann Abrahams and the CEO re-assessed a previous application to the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF) and re-applied. If granted, the application may allow for the production of an international documentary on the 'Haarlem' Project. In addition, discussions with Dutch producers are being held to realize such production.

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

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

13 August 2025
12 November 2025
12 February 2026

The Annual General Meeting for the period March 2025 - February 2026 was held on Wednesday 14 May 2026. During the actual book year, no changes to the constitution were made.

3. Financial report

3.1 Income and accounting details

Bank balance on 1 March 2025	R 1,536.10
Donations	R 1,850
Expenditures (Website hosting)	R 2,830
Bank charges	R 143. 50
Bank balance on 28 February 2026	R 412. 60

Cape Town, 13 May 2026

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:**List of Office Bearers**

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