

Programme: South African Kelp Farming Project & Value Chain Information session

This event is part of a multi-stakeholder Kelp Farming Project, implemented by the Bivalve Shellfish Farmers Association of South Africa (BSASA), funded by UK aid via the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) and supported by key partners such as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE).

The project aims to research kelp farming in South Africa, with Saldanha Bay selected as the experimental location due to its infrastructure availability, existing industry, and the Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ).

We are pleased to provide stakeholders and interested parties with an update on the project's progress and feedback on the Kelp Value Chain Analysis. The Information Sharing Session will be held in a hybrid format (in-person and online) on 18 March 2024.

Activity	Video time stamp	Person/organisation
1. Introductory session		
a. Welcome and opening	00.00.15	Ms A Bernatzeder (DFFE: Director of Aquaculture Research & Development (on behalf of Ms K Klose -FCDO)
b. Housekeeping announcement for smooth running of hybrid event	00.03.50	Dr L Botes (BSASA/Sound Interaxions- Project Manager)
Session 1 – Chairperson Ms Andrea Bernatzeder		
2. Overview of Kelp farming	00.07.26	Emeritus Professor JJ Bolton (UCT: Project Scientific Advisor)
3. SA kelp farming project overview	00.24.43	Dr L Botes (BSASA/Sound Interaxions- Project Manager)
4. UNDP collaboration & follow-up community workshops	00.36.08	Ms S Smit (UNDP Accelerator Lab Head)
5. Progress: Kelp Hatchery Component	00.40.56	Ms F Hill (BSASA Research Assistant)
6. Progress: Kelp Grow-out Component	00.50.58	Ms N Xulu (BSASA Research Assistant)
7. Value Chain Analysis, Market assessment & roadmap	01.05.35	Emeritus Professor T. Hecht (Advance Africa Management Services)
8. Q & A	01.52.30	
Lunch for in-person attendees	02.16.35 02.27.31 02.41.53 02.48.00 02.59.41 03.01.54	Video line-up for online attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaweed cuisine with a medical doctor from Ireland • Cooking & Eating Seaweeds with Prof Charlie Griffiths & Roushanna Gray • Making seaweed chip tacos • Making Kelp pickles • Cup of Sea – seaweed tea • Seaweed food packaging etc.- Nopla



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Session 2: Chairperson Dr Lizeth Botes		
9. Progress: Kelp Food Safety & Nutritional Analysis	03.08.40	Dr B. Macey (DFFE Specialist Scientist)
10. Starting a sea-based aquaculture farm in RSA	03.25.24	Ms A Bernatzeder (DFFE: Director of Aquaculture Research)
11. Q & A	03.37.250	
12. Summary	03.58.10	Emeritus Professor JJ Bolton (UCT – Project Scientific Advisor)
13. Closure	04.01.10	Mr V Pienaar (BSASA Chairperson)