

Maritime Museum

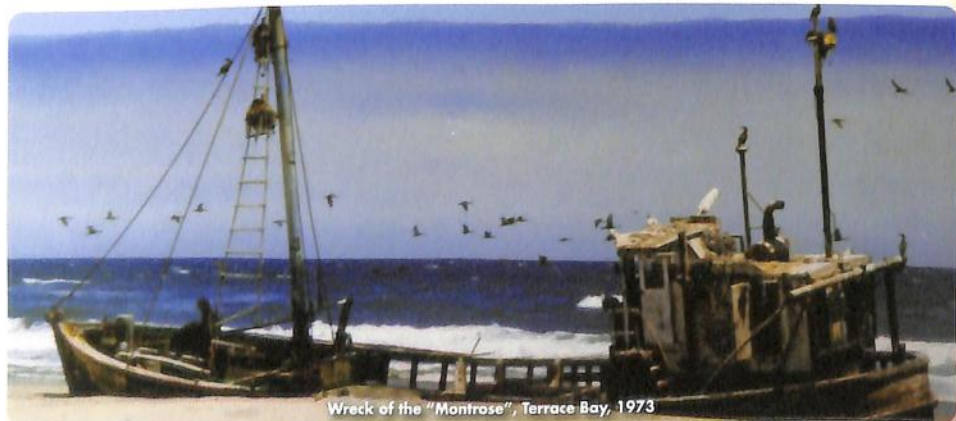
Targeted Audiences

- The Children of Namibia
- The Inhabitants of Lüderitz and Namibian Public
- Foreign Tourists
- Study Groups



Striking features of the Atlantic Coastline of Namibia

- Benguela Current: The great food supply chain
- The treacherous Skeleton Coast, where the drifting sands of the desert meet the Atlantic Ocean



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Mission Statement

Under the government's drive for economic and cultural development, the Maritime Museum in the harbour town of Lüderitz, comprises a living archive of "Namibia's relationship with the sea since time immemorial".

It is the Museum's responsibility to guarantee the creation of building structures and the acquisition and conservation of display maritime artifacts and related materials. An exhibition of symbolic and maritime related objects will form the core of the Museum's message to the Namibian citizens and its international visitors.

The Museum's goals include wide and deep deliberation geared to determine all aspects of a living exhibition.

The Museum will spare no effort in its objectives, emphasizing:

- Geographical, Chronological and Thematic context of its collections.
- The Socio-cultural environment.
- Formulation of priorities and proposals for its future, as a never ending project.
- Introduce and nurture the museological plan, as the obligatory starting point for all practical initiatives.

As the Museum's contents is dependent of local and international donors and contributors, active participation is essential to achieve those goals.

Finally, to secure an economically productive future for the Museum.

The Maritime Museum

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"Namibia's Relationship with the Sea since time immemorial"



The Old Power Station of Lüderitz, built in 1911, where the museum is to be housed, is a Heritage building of recognized Historical value

Three Pillars of the Museum:

Fishing

Trading

Mining at Sea

"A living Maritime Archive of Namibia"

Museum's Contents

Shipping and Trade

- Namibian Harbours and their Infrastructures
- Dry Docks, Handling Equipment, specialized Harbour Services, Containerisation
- Safety at Sea
- Rail and Road transport logistics and linkage with Africa through the Walvis Bay Corridors
- Contribution towards the competitiveness of the SADC Region



Walvis Bay Handling Equipment



Harbour Tug - Walvis Bay



Fishing Vessels Port of Walvis Bay



Lobster Catcher Vessels Lüderitz Harbour

History of Navigation

- Gallery of Famous Marine Explorers
- Piracy at Sea
- Navigational Instruments, Charts and Maps
- Mythology of the Sea
- The Oranjemund Shipwreck Excavation - 2008
- Shipping and Trading
- Romance of the Sail



Vasco da Gama's "Sao Gabriel" 1497



The Sailing Adventure



Fishing

- It all started with Whaling.....
- Namibia's main Commercial Species
- Fishing Methods, Technology and Gear
- Value addition and infrastructures thereof
- Marine Algae: Harvesting Seaweeds
- Aquaculture and Mariculture
- Seabird Guano: The "White Gold" rush
- The wonderful world of sea shells



Value-adding in Namibia



Namibian Lobster Industry



"Jasus Lalandii" - the internationally prized Namibian Lobster

Mining at Sea

- Namibia's Diamond Coast and Mining of Diamonds from the Sea bed
- Oil and Gas Exploration
- Vessels and Floating Platforms



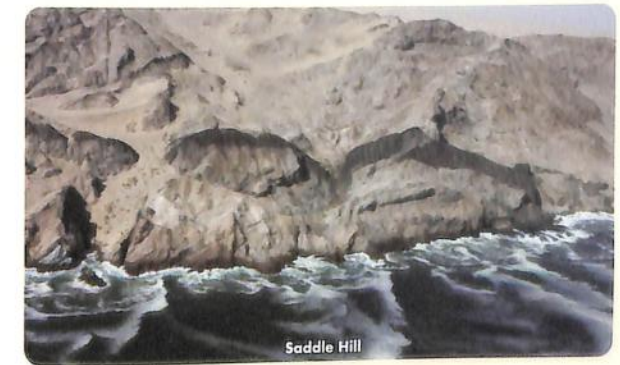
Diamond Vessel "Ya Toivo"



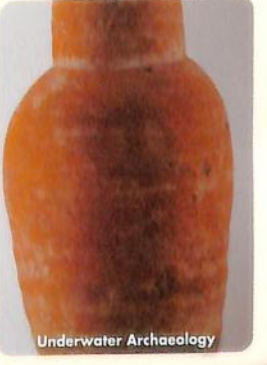
Namibian Marine diamonds
90% Gem

Resource Management and the Role of Marine Science

- Geological and Oceanographic Surveying in Namibia
- Biological Assessment of Commercial Species
- Legislation, Regulatory Measures, Control and Resource Management
- Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
- Statistical records



Saddle Hill



Underwater Archaeology