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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The Marine Living Resources Fund (MLRF), a Schedule 3A Public Entity established in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 Of 1999), under the auspices of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), appointed Anchor Research and Monitoring (Pty) Ltd (Anchor) to undertake specialist monitoring in compliance with the environmental Sampling Plan, Environmental Management Program and Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Saldanha Bay ADZ, for a period of two years (2021/2022). One of the specific tasks of this appointment was to conduct annual non-quantitative (i.e. qualitative) sampling of fouling organisms. This report presents the findings of diver surveys conducted in the Big Bay and Small Bay shellfish precincts during 2021 and 2022, and includes a list of alien species and digital invertebrate taxonomic reference library.

Methodology

Fouling organisms were collected from aquaculture farm structures (buoys, ropes, chains and rafts) at two (September 2021) and seven (July 2022) sites in the Saldanha ADZ Big Bay and Small Bay shellfish precincts. This comprised a scientific diver scraping a 20 cm length of chain or rope. Alternatively, on larger structures, wall scrapes were undertaken using 0.04 m² quadrats. Once collected, samples were transferred to 2 litre buckets and preserved in 8% buffered formalin. Specimens were identified to species level where possible, with the aid of Anchor's comprehensive taxonomic reference collection of benthic macrofauna from this system, and the results of this analysis were compared to data collected by Lloyd Sassman (DFFE). To determine whether the biofouling communities from the different bays are significantly different, presence/absence data was converted to a similarity matrix using the Bray-Curtis similarity coefficient, and an Analysis of Similarity (ANOSIM) test was conducted using the multivariate PRIMER V6 software.

Findings & Remarks

Previous research by DFFE identified 66 fouling species from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha ADZ. In total, this fauna comprises three kingdoms, 13 phyla, 22 classes, 48 orders, 75 families and 101 taxa. It is dominated by the phyla Arthropoda, Mollusca and Annelida, with 88% of the taxa identified to species level. Twenty-five and 40 taxa were identified from the 2021 and 2022 Anchor surveys respectively, with ten species shared with both sites and the DFFE study, including *Porcellana africana* (invasive), *Tanystylum brevipes*, *Notomegabalanus algicola*, *Ciona robusta* (invasive), *Anthothoe chilensis*, *Parechinus angulosus*, *Thyone aurea*, *Aulacomya atra*, *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (invasive) and *Fissurella mutabilis*. However, discrepancies are likely due to differences in sampling season, intensity and methodology. Nevertheless, there was no significant difference in the biofouling communities inhabiting Small and Big Bay. Overall, one alien and five invasive species were identified.

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GLOSSARY

Alien species: Species whose presence in a region is attributable to human actions that enabled them to overcome fundamental biogeographical barriers (i.e. human-mediated extra-range dispersal) (synonyms: Introduced, non-indigenous, non-native, exotic).

Aquaculture: The sea-based or land-based rearing of aquatic animals or the cultivation of aquatic plants for food.

Biofouling: The undesirable accumulation of microorganisms, plants and/or animals on wet surfaces that have a mechanical function, causing structural or other functional deficiencies (synonyms: biological fouling).

Biota: The animal and plant life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period.

Environmental Authorisation: Permission granted by the competent authority for the applicant to undertake listed activities in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

Fauna: General term for all the animals found in a particular location.

Invasive: Alien species that have self-replacing populations over several generations and that have spread from their point of introduction.

Invertebrate: Animals that do not have a backbone. Invertebrates either have an exoskeleton (e.g. crabs) or no skeleton at all (worms).

Macrobenthos/macrofauna: Those animals retained by a 1.0-mm-mesh sieve. Macrobenthic invertebrates are defined as organisms that live on or inside the deposit at the bottom of a water body.

Native: Indigenous to a particular locality.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADZ	Aquaculture Development Zone
Anchor	Anchor Environmental Consultants
ANOSIM	Analysis of Similarities
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
EA	Environmental Authorisation
MLRF	Marine Living Resources Fund
PRIMER	Plymouth Routines in Multivariate Ecological Research
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute

I INTRODUCTION

I.I BACKGROUND

An Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ) comprises areas of water selected for their suitability for specific aquaculture sectors. The Saldanha ADZ provides opportunities for existing aquaculture operations to expand and new ones to be established, providing economic benefits to the local community through job creation and regional economic diversification. ADZs are intended to boost investor confidence by providing ‘investment ready’ platforms with strategic environmental approvals and management policies already in place, allowing commercial aquaculture operations to be set up without the need for lengthy, complex and expensive approval processes. It is anticipated that ADZs will create incentives for industry growth, provide marine aquaculture services and enhance consumer confidence.

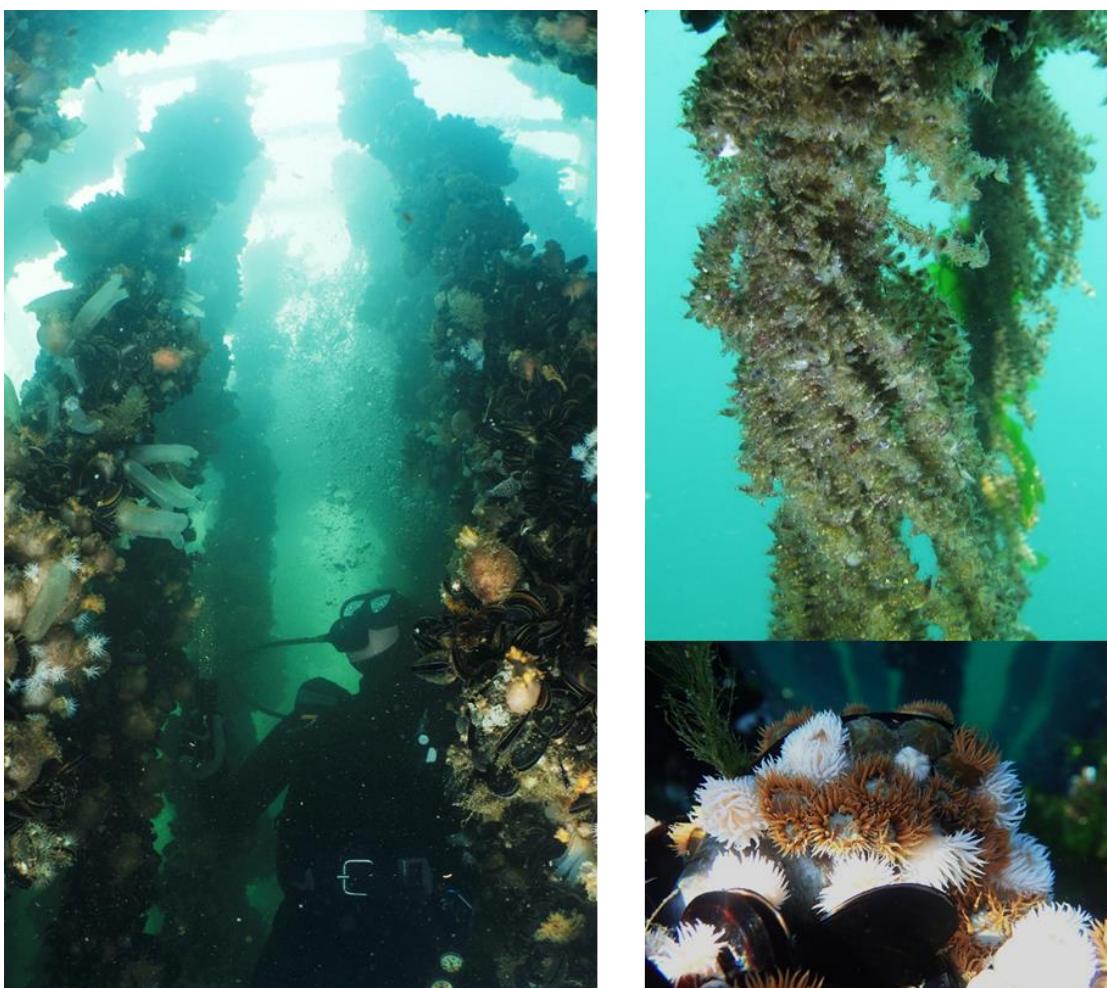


Figure I. Fouling communities present in the Saldanha Bay ADZ.

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1.2 BIOFOULING

Aquaculture farm structures provide a novel surface for the quick colonisation and proliferation of various fast-growing and highly competitive marine species with short-lived larvae (Fitridge et al. 2012, Megina et al. 2013, Janiak & Branson 2021). These fouling communities are commonly dominated by sessile, suspension-feeding organisms including ascidians, barnacles, bivalves, bryozoans, hydroids, polychaetes and sponges (Figure 1) (Millard 1951, Dicken et al. 2011, Fitridge et al. 2012). They also frequently include alien species that have been transferred both regionally and globally via shipping activity (Fitridge et al. 2012, Megina et al. 2016, Leclerc & Viard 2018). Consequently, hard artificial substratum within ports facilitates the introduction, establishment and regional spread of alien species (Janiak & Branson 2021, Outinen et al. 2021). Indeed, harbours are one of the most invaded habitats of the marine realm (Leclerc & Viard 2018), and comprise the highest concentration of marine alien species in South Africa (Picker & Griffiths 2017). Shipping is responsible for roughly 91% of marine introductions to South Africa, with the majority originating from the North Atlantic Ocean, and the likely vectors being ballast water and/or hull fouling (Robinson et al. 2020).

To date, 95 marine alien species have been reported from the South African coastline (Robinson et al. 2020) (Appendix 1). Of these, at least 67 alien species are known to occur along the west coast (Robinson et al. 2020). Indeed, one alien (fat-feeler amphipod *Monocorophium acherusicum*) and four invasive species (western pea crab *Rathbunixa occidentalis*, amphipod *Ericthonius brasiliensis*, Mediterranean mussel *Mytilus galloprovincialis*, tuberculate pear crab *Pyromiaia tuberculata*) have previously been recorded by Anchor when identifying benthic macrofauna for the annual State of Saldanha Bay and Langebaan Lagoon technical report (2008-2022).

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 COLLECTION

Fouling organisms were collected from aquaculture farm structures (buoys, ropes, chains and rafts) at two (September 2021) and seven (July 2022) sites in the Saldanha ADZ Big Bay and Small Bay shellfish precincts (Figure 2, Figure 3). This comprised a scientific diver scraping a 20 cm length of chain or rope. Alternatively, on larger structures, wall scrapes were undertaken using 0.04 m² quadrats. Once collected, samples were transferred to 2 litre buckets and preserved in 8% buffered formalin.

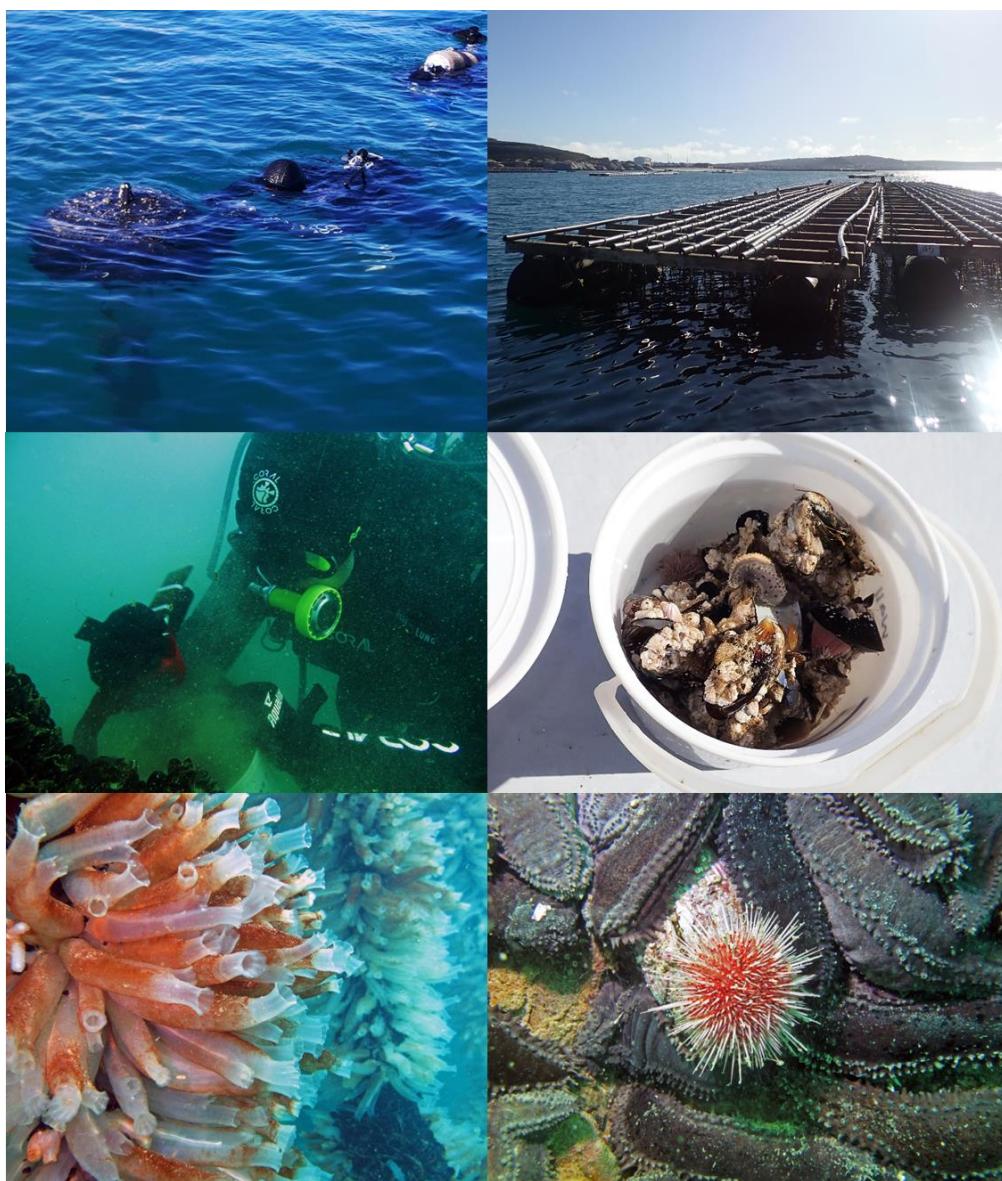


Figure 2. Anchor scientific divers collecting biota from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha Bay ADZ during the 2021/2022 surveys, and an example of the resultant sample prior to sorting and preservation (middle right).

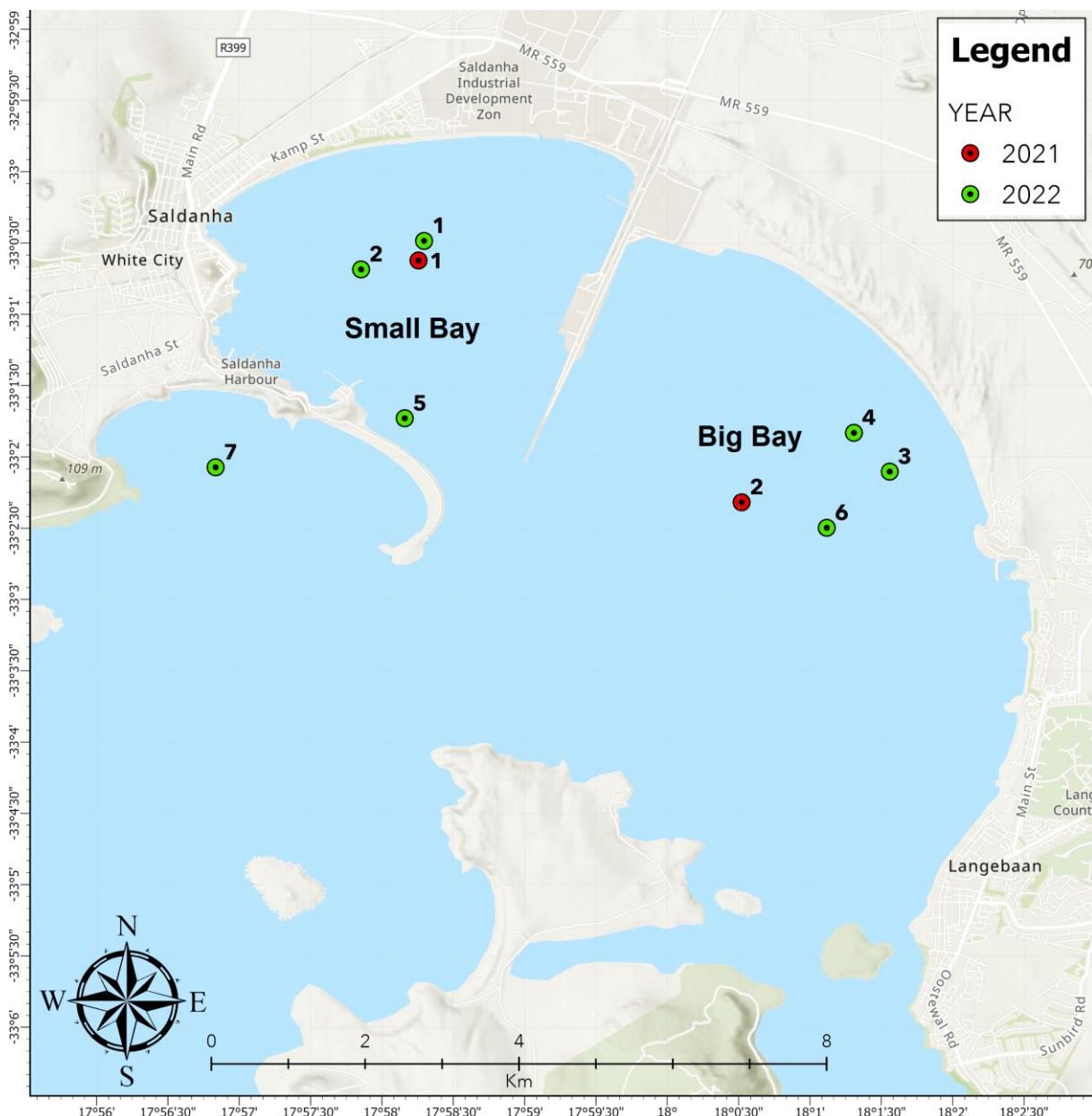


Figure 3. Sampling locations on aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha Bay ADZ (Anchor surveys, 2021 and 2022).

2.2 ANALYSIS

Specimens were identified to species level where possible, with the aid of Anchor's comprehensive taxonomic reference collection of benthic macrofauna from this system (Appendix 2), and the results of this analysis were compared to data collected by Lloyd Sassman (DFFE). To determine whether the biofouling communities from the different bays are significantly different, presence/absence data was converted to a similarity matrix using the Bray-Curtis similarity coefficient, and an Analysis of Similarity (ANOSIM) test was conducted using the multivariate PRIMER V6 software (Clarke & Warwick, 2001). The ANOSIM test produces a probability value (p) and an R statistic value that ranges between 0 and 1, with 0 indicating 100% similarity and 1 indicating 100% dissimilarity.

3 FINDINGS & REMARKS

Previous research by DFFE identified 66 fouling species from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha ADZ (Table 1, Figure 4). In total, this fauna comprises three kingdoms, 13 phyla, 22 classes, 48 orders, 75 families and 101 taxa (Table 1, Appendix 3). It is dominated by the phyla Arthropoda, Mollusca and Annelida (Figure 5), with 88% of the taxa identified to species level. Twenty-five and 40 taxa were identified from the 2021 and 2022 Anchor surveys respectively, with ten species shared with both sites and the DFFE study, including *Porcellana africana* (invasive), *Tanystylum brevipes*, *Notomegabalanus algicola*, *Ciona robusta* (invasive), *Anthothoe chilensis*, *Parechinus angulosus*, *Thyone aurea*, *Aulacomya atra*, *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (invasive) and *Fissurella mutabilis*. However, discrepancies are likely due to differences in sampling season, intensity and methodology. Nevertheless, there was no significant difference in the biofouling communities inhabiting Small and Big Bay (ANOSIM, $R = 0.215$, $p = 0.143$). Overall, one alien and five invasive species were identified. A synopsis of the state of knowledge of these introduced taxa is provided below.

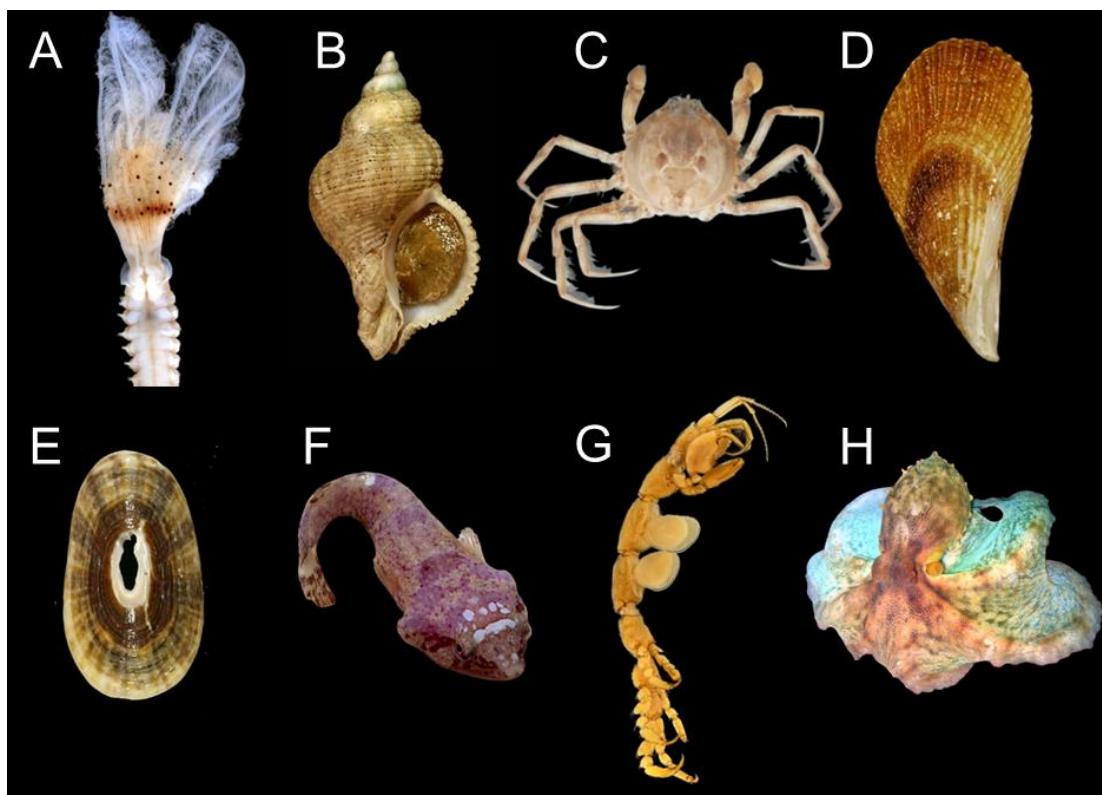


Figure 4. Selection of species from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha Bay ADZ as documented by DFFE and/or identified from the 2021 and 2022 Anchor surveys. A) gregarious fanworm *Pseudopotamilla reniformis* (E.A. Lazo-Wasem), B) dogwhelk *Nucella wahlbergi* (Joop Trausel & Frans Slieker), C) crown crab *Hymenosoma orbiculare* (J. Dawson), D) ribbed mussel *Aulacomya atra* (Joop Trausel & Frans Slieker), E) Cape keyhole-limpet *Fissurella mutabilis* (Joop Trausel & Frans Slieker), F) chubby clingfish *Apletodon pellegrini* (G. Zsilavec), G) skeleton shrimp *Caprella penantis* (NCSM), H) common octopus *Octopus vulgaris* (Roberto Pillon).

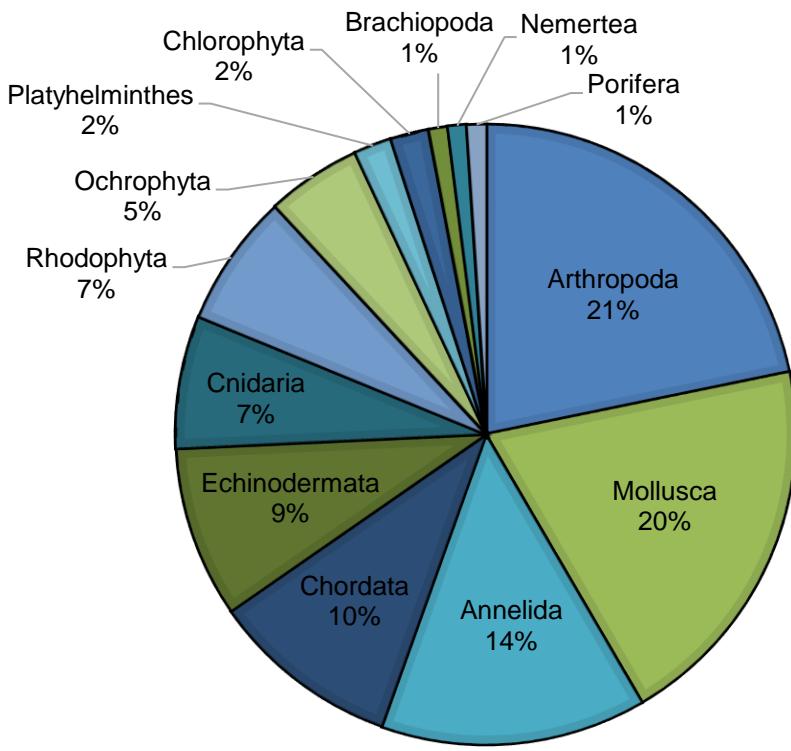


Figure 5. Phyla composition of the biota collected from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha Bay ADZ as documented by DFFE and/or identified from the 2021 and 2022 Anchor surveys.

3.1 JAPANESE SKELETON SHRIMP *CAPRELLA MUTICA*, INVASIVE

Caprella mutica is indigenous to north-east Asia and has invaded several regions, including Europe, North America and New Zealand. It was first recorded in South Africa from False Bay Marina, with the likely vector being ship fouling (Peters & Robinson, 2017). This marine amphipod has already reached substantial densities in the marina environment, and is of concern due to its fast reproductive cycle and high reproductive output.

3.2 PORCELAIN CRAB *PORCELLANA AFRICANA*, INVASIVE

Porcellana africana was previously incorrectly identified as the European *P. platycheles* (Griffiths et al. 2018). To date, it is the first and only known alien porcelain crab in South Africa. This species is native to the region between Senegal and Western Sahara in Northwest Africa. It was most likely introduced via shipping, by means of ballast water or hull fouling. This species was first discovered in South Africa in relatively high numbers on Schaapen Island, Langebaan Lagoon in 2012 (Prof. George Branch 2012, pers. obs.). However, its' date of introduction has been estimated to be between 2003 and 2009. It is now well established and abundant in Saldanha Bay, occurring across the intertidal zone under boulders and loose rocks, as well as in beds of *Mytilus galloprovincialis*. This species should be monitored as it has the ability to expand its range and increase in number in a relatively short time period (Griffiths et al. 2018).

3.3 DISC LAMP SHELL *DISCINISCA TENUIS*, INVASIVE

Discinisca tenuis is a small disc-shaped brachiopod with a semi-transparent, hairy, fringed shell. It was first recorded in 2008 on oysters grown in Saldanha Bay (Haupt et al. 2010), and later recorded outside of the oyster culture operation on Schaapen Island (Peters et al. 2014). This species is endemic to Namibia, and is thought to have been introduced to South Africa via cultured oyster imports (Haupt et al. 2010). This species can reportedly reach very high densities and could become a significant fouling species in Saldanha Bay.

3.4 SOLITARY TUNICATE *CIONA ROBUSTA*, INVASIVE

Ciona robusta was initially misidentified as *C. intestinalis*, which was found to comprise two morphologically separate species. This species is a tall and cylindrical solitary ascidian with a soft, transparent test. It forms large aggregations on submerged structures in harbours and lagoons from Saldanha Bay to Durban. It was originally introduced from the North Atlantic prior to 1955. This species is an economically important pest and is known to smother mussels on aquaculture infrastructure, especially mussel ropes.

3.5 PINKMOUTH HYDROID *ECTOPLEURA CROcea*, ALIEN

Ectopleura crocea is a North Atlantic species with a complex taxonomic history. It was first recorded in South Africa from Durban Harbour in 1947 and was inadvertently re-described as a new species (*Tubularia warreni*). This species is common in dock areas on pylons and ships hulls (Millard 1975), and the likely vectors are ship fouling and ballast water (Mead et al. 2011).

3.6 MEDITERRANEAN MUSSEL *MYTILUS GALLOPROVINCIALIS*, INVASIVE

Mytilus galloprovincialis was first detected from South Africa in 1979 (Mead et al. 2011), but its presence was only confirmed in 1984, likely due to confusion with the indigenous black mussel *Choromytilus meridionalis*. At this point, the population was already widespread in the country, being the most abundant mussel species on rocky shores between Cape Point and Lüderitz. This species has subsequently extended its distribution range as far as East London (Robinson et al. 2005). It is commercially cultured in Saldanha Bay and elsewhere, and is widely exploited by recreational and subsistence fishers (Robinson et al. 2005 & 2007).

Table I. Taxa from aquaculture farm structures in Saldanha Bay as documented by DFFE and/or identified from the 2021 and 2022 Anchor surveys. Alien species are highlighted in red.

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa	DFFE	2021		2022							
						I	2	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	
						A	B	Wall 2	Wall 4	Wall 7	Wall 9	Wall I 2	Wall I 5	Wall II 2	Wall II 20
Chordata	Pycnogonida	Tanaidacea		<i>Exosphaeroma varicolor</i>										X	
		Pantopoda	Ammotheidae	<i>Tanaidacea</i> sp.			X	X		X	X				
		Balanomorpha	Balanidae	<i>Tanystylum brevipes</i>	X										X
		Thecostraca		<i>Austromegabalanus</i> sp.	X										
		Scalpellomorpha	Lepadidae	<i>Notomegabalanus algicola</i>	X	X			X	X	X				
	Brachiopoda	Lingulida	Discinidae	<i>Lepas (Lepas) anatifera</i>							X				
		Phlebobranchia	Ascididae	<i>Lepas (Lepas) testudinata</i>	X						X				
		Ascidiacea	Cionidae	<i>Discinisa tenuis</i>	X	X									
		Stolidobranchia	Pyuridae	<i>Ascidia caudata</i>	X										
		Atheriniformes	Styelidae	<i>Ciona robusta</i>	X	X				X		X	X		
Cnidaria	Teleostei	Blenniiformes	Pyuridae	<i>Botrylloides magnicoecus</i>	X										
		Gobiesociformes	Styelidae	<i>Botryllus gregalis</i>	X										
		Atheriniformes	Atherinidae	<i>Atherina breviceps</i>	X										
		Blenniiformes	Blenniidae	<i>Scartella emarginata</i>	X										
		Teleostei	Clinidae	<i>Clinus heterodon</i>	X										
	Anthozoa	Gobiesociformes	Apletodontidae	<i>Apletodon pellegrini</i>		X									
		Anthozoa	Actiniaria	<i>Eckloniaichthys scylliorhiniceps</i>	X										
		Hydrozoa	Actiniidae	<i>Actinia mandelae</i>	X										
		Anthoathecata	Sagartiidae	<i>Bunodactis reynaudi</i>					X			X	X	X	
		Leptothecata	Tubulariidae	<i>Pseudactinia flagellifera</i>				X			X				
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Velatida	Sertulariidae	<i>Anthothoe chilensis</i>	X	X		X							
	Crinoidea	Comatulida	Antedonidae	<i>Actiniaria</i> sp.			X		X	X					X
		Tropiometridae	Tropiometridae	<i>Ectopleura crocea</i>			X								
	Echinoidea	Camarodonta	Parechinidae	<i>Amphisbetia operculata</i>											
	Holothuroidea	Dendrochirotida	Pentactidae	<i>Pteraster capensis</i>	X										
		Cucumariidae	Parechinidae	<i>Annametra occidentalis</i>											X
		Phyllophoridae	Tropiometridae	<i>Tropiometra carinata</i>	X										
				<i>Parechinus angulosus</i>	X	X		X							
				<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>	X			X		X			X		
				<i>Rowea frauenfeldi frauenfeldi</i>	X										
				<i>Thyonne aurea</i>	X	X		X							

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APPENDICES

Appendix I. The marine alien and invasive species recorded along the coastline of South Africa, according to SANBI (South African National Biodiversity Institute), updated with additional species from Robinson et al. (2020).

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Species	Common name	Status	Natural Range
Animalia	Annelida	Polychaeta	<i>Alitta succinea</i>	Pile/clam worm	Invasive	Atlantic Coast
			<i>Boccardia proboscidea</i>	Shell worm	Invasive	Northern Pacific
			<i>Dodecaceria pacifica</i>	Colonial tubeworm	Alien	Pacific Northern America
			<i>Ficopomatus enigmaticus</i>	Estuarine tubeworm	Invasive	Australia
			<i>Janua heterostropha</i>	-	Alien	Europe
			<i>Neodexiospira brasiliensis</i>	-	Invasive	West Indies, Brazil
			<i>Polydora hoplura</i>	-	Invasive	Europe, Mediterranean
			<i>Polydora websteri</i>	Oyster mudworm	Alien	-
		Copepoda	<i>Simplaria pseudomilitaris</i>	-	Alien	Europe
			<i>Acartia (Odontacartia) spinicauda</i>	-	Alien	Southeast Asia
Arthropoda	Malacostraca	Hexapoda	<i>Anisolabis maritima</i>	Maritime Earwig	Alien	-
			<i>Cafius xantholoma</i>	-	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Apocorophium acutum</i>	-	Alien	Northern Atlantic
			<i>Caprella mutica</i>	Japanese skeleton shrimp	Invasive	Japan
			<i>Carcinus maenas</i>	European shore-crab	Invasive	Europe, Mediterranean
		Malacostraca	<i>Cerapus tubularis</i>	Tubular amphipod	Invasive	-
			<i>Chelura terebrans</i>	Wood-boring amphipod	Invasive	Northern Atlantic
			<i>Dynamene bidentata</i>	-	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Ericthonius brasiliensis</i>	-	Invasive	Northern Atlantic
			<i>Ericthonius difformis</i>	Tube-dwelling amphipod	Alien	-
			<i>Homalaspis plana</i>	Chilean Stone Crab	Alien	Chile
			<i>Ischyrocerus anguipes</i>	-	Invasive	Northern Atlantic

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Mollusca	Gastropoda	Littorinimorpha	<i>Jassa marmorata</i>	Tube amphipod	Alien	Northern Atlantic
			<i>Jassa morinoi</i>	-	Invasive	-
			<i>Jassa slatteryi</i>	-	Invasive	Pacific Northern America
			<i>Ligia (Megaligia) exotica</i>	Wharf Roach	Alien	North Atlantic
			<i>Limnoria quadripunctata</i>	Quadripunctate gribble	Alien	-
			<i>Limnoria tripunctata</i>	Tripunctate gribble	Alien	-
			<i>Monocorophium acherusicum</i>	Fat-feeler amphipod	Alien	Northern Atlantic
			<i>Orchestia gammarellus</i>	Shore-hopper	Invasive	Europe, Mediterranean
			<i>Paracerceis sculpta</i>	Sponge isopod	Alien	North-east Pacific
			<i>Platorchestia platensis</i>	Beach flea	Invasive	-
			<i>Porcellana africana</i>	Porcelain crab	Invasive	North-west Africa
			<i>Rathbunixa occidentalis</i>	Western pea crab	Invasive	Pacific Northern America
			<i>Sphaeroma serratum</i>	Sea slater	Alien	Europe
			<i>Sphaeroma walkeri</i>	Fouling isopod	Alien	Northern Indian Ocean
			<i>Xantho hydrophilus</i>	Variable xanthid	Alien	Europe, Mediterranean
Annelida	Polychaeta	Pycnogonida	<i>Ammothella appendiculata</i>	-	Alien	Pacific
			<i>Amphibalanus venustus</i>	Striped barnacle	Invasive	Tropical Northern Atlantic
			<i>Austrominius modestus</i>	Modest barnacle	Alien	Australasia
			<i>Balanus glandula</i>	Pacific barnacle	Invasive	Northern American Pacific
			<i>Perforatus perforatus</i>	Perforated barnacle	Alien	Atlantic Ocean
Bivalvia	Unionida	Unionidae	<i>Discinisca tenuis</i>	Disc lamp shell	Invasive	Namibian Coast
			<i>Bugula neritina</i>	Fouling moss animal	Invasive	-
			<i>Bugulina flabellata</i>	Fan-shaped moss animal	Invasive	-
			<i>Conopeum seurati</i>	-	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Cryptosula pallasiana</i>	Red crust	Invasive	Europe
Ciliophora	Foraminifera	Rugosea	<i>Virididentula dentata</i>	Dentate moss animal	Invasive	Indo-Pacific
			<i>Watersipora subtorquata</i>	Red-rust bryozoan	Invasive	Caribbean
			<i>Ascidia sydneiensis</i>	Yellow-green sea squirt	Invasive	Asia
Chordata	Asciidiacea					

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Cnidaria	Anthozoa	Hydrozoa	<i>Ascidia aspersa</i>	Dirty sea squirt	Invasive	North Sea
			<i>Asterocarpa humilis</i>	-	Invasive	-
			<i>Botryllus schlosseri</i>	Golden star ascidian	Invasive	Northeastern Atlantic
			<i>Ciona robusta</i>	Sea vase	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Clavelina lepadiformis</i>	Bell ascidian	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Diplosoma listerianum</i>	Gossamer ascidian	Invasive	Europe
			<i>Microcosmus squamiger</i>	Microcosmus	Invasive	Australia
			<i>Styela plicata</i>	Pleated sea squirt	Invasive	West Pacific
		Teleostei	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Common carp	Invasive	Asia
			<i>Cyista ornata</i>	Rooted anemone	Alien	Europe, Mediterranean
	Cnidaria	Anthozoa	<i>Metridium senile</i>	Plumose anemone	Alien	North Atlantic
			<i>Coryne eximia</i>	-	Invasive	North Atlantic, Pacific
			<i>Ectopleura crocea</i>	Pinkmouth hydroid	Alien	North Atlantic
			<i>Ectopleura larynx</i>	Ringed tubularia	Alien	North Atlantic
			<i>Gonothryaea loveni</i>	-	Alien	North Atlantic
Echinodermata	Echinodermata	Asteroidea	<i>Laomedea calceolifera</i>	-	Alien	North Atlantic
			<i>Obelia bidentata</i>	Doubletoothed hydroid	Alien	-
			<i>Obelia dichotoma</i>	Thin-walled obelia	Alien	-
			<i>Obelia geniculata</i>	Zigzag wineglass hydroid	Alien	Europe, Mediterranean
			<i>Odessa maeotica</i>	-	Invasive	Black Sea Region
		Ophiuroidea	<i>Pachycordyle michaeli</i>	Brackish hydroid	Alien	Europe, Mediterranean
			<i>Pennaria disticha</i>	Sea-fern hydroid	Invasive	-
			<i>Heliaster helianthus</i>	South American Sunstar	Alien	South America
			<i>Ophiactis savignyi</i>	Savigny's brittle star	Alien	North Indian and Pacific Oceans
			<i>Lyrodus pedicellatus</i>	Blacktip shipworm	Alien	-
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Pectinidae	<i>Magallana gigas</i>	Pacific oyster	Invasive	Japan, Northwestern Pacific
			<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	Mediterranean mussel	Invasive	Mediterranean, Northeastern Atlantic
			<i>Perna viridis</i>	Asian green mussel	Alien	Southeast Asia

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Species	Common name	Status	Natural Range
Chromista	Mollusca	Gastropoda	<i>Semimytilus patagonicus</i>	Bisexual mussel	Invasive	Pacific South America
			<i>Teredo navalis</i>	Naval shipworm	Invasive	Europe, Mediterranean
			<i>Catriona columbiana</i>	British Columbia aeolid	Alien	North Pacific
			<i>Indothais blanfordi</i>	-	Invasive	Tropical Indo-Pacific
			<i>Littorina saxatilis</i>	British periwinkle	Invasive	Europe, Mediterranean, Western Atlantic
			<i>Semiricinula tissoti</i>	Tissot's rock shell	Invasive	Tropical Indo-Pacific
			<i>Tarebia granifera</i>	Quilted melania	Invasive	Southeast Asia
	Porifera	Demospongiae	<i>Suberites ficus</i>	Sea orange/fig sponge	Invasive	Northeastern Atlantic and Mediterranean
	Ciliophora	Heterotrichaea	<i>Mirofolliculina limnoriae</i>	-	Alien	-
	Myzozoa	Dinophyceae	<i>Alexandrium minutum</i>	Red tide phytoplankton/dinoflagellate	Alien	-
			<i>Alexandrium tamarense-complex</i>	Alexandrium	Alien	-
			<i>Dinophysis acuminata</i>	-	Alien	-
Plantae	Chlorophyta	Ulvophyceae	<i>Cladophora prolifera</i>	Rough cladophora	Invasive	-
			<i>Codium fragile</i>	Fragile upright codium	Invasive	Korea
	Rhodophyta	Florideophyceae	<i>Antithamnionella spirographidis</i>	-	Invasive	-
			<i>Asparagopsis armata</i>	Harpoon weed	Invasive	Southern Australia and New Zealand
			<i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i>	Supreme limu	Invasive	-
			<i>Schimmelmannia elegans</i>	-	Alien	Atlantic Island of Tristan da Cunha and Venezuela

Appendix 2. Benthic macrofauna taxa from the Saldanha Bay/Langebaan Lagoon system, as identified by Anchor. Alien species are highlighted in red.

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
Annelida	Polychaeta	Eunicida	Lumbrineridae	Oligochaeta
				<i>Amphinomidae</i>
				<i>Amphinomidae</i>
				<i>Echiuroidea</i>
				<i>Thalassematidae</i>
				<i>Dorvilleidae</i>
				<i>Schistomerings rudolphi</i>
				<i>Eunicidae</i>
				<i>Lysidice sp.</i>
				<i>Marphysa depressa</i>
			Oenonidae	<i>Marphysa sanguinea</i>
				<i>Paucibranchia purcellana</i>
				<i>Kuwaita heteropoda</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris coccinea</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris hartmani</i>
			Onuphidae	<i>Lumbrineris heteropoda difficilis</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris magalhaensis</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris meteorana</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris papillifera</i>
				<i>Lumbrineris spp. (cavifrons)</i>
				<i>Scoletoma tetraura</i>
				<i>Arabella iricolor</i>
				<i>Drilonereis falcata</i>
				<i>Drilonereis monroi</i>
				<i>Notocirrus australis</i>
			Diopatridae	<i>Diopatra cuprea</i>
				<i>Diopatra monroi</i>
				<i>Diopatra neapolitana capensis</i>
				<i>Onuphis eremita</i>

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
				<i>Onuphis holobranchiata</i>
				<i>Paradiopatra antarctica</i>
			Glyceridae	<i>Glycera benguellana</i>
				<i>Glycera tridactyla</i>
			Goniadidae	<i>Goniada emerita</i>
				<i>Goniadopsis incerta</i>
			Hesionidae	<i>Hesionidae</i>
				<i>Podarkeopsis capensis</i>
				<i>Syllidia armata</i>
			Nephtyidae	<i>Micronephthys sphaerocirrata</i>
				<i>Nephtys capensis</i>
				<i>Nephtys hombergii</i>
			Nereididae	<i>Nereis spp.</i>
				<i>Platynereis australis</i>
				<i>Platynereis dumerilii</i>
				<i>Simplisetia erythraeensis</i>
			Phyllodocidae	<i>Eulalia sp.</i>
				<i>Hypereteone foliosa</i>
				<i>Notophyllum splendens</i>
				<i>Phyllodocidae</i>
				<i>Protomystides capensis</i>
			Pilargidae	<i>Ancistrosyllis falcata</i>
				<i>Cabira capensis</i>
				<i>Sigambra parva</i>
				<i>Synelmis rigida</i>
			Polynoidae	<i>Antinoe lactea</i>
				<i>Eunoe nodulosa</i>
				<i>Harmothoe spp.</i>

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
			Sigalionidae	<i>Polynoe scolopendrina</i> <i>Euthalenessa oculata</i> <i>Pholoe minuta</i> <i>Sigalion capensis</i> <i>Sigalion sp.</i> <i>Sigalion squamosus</i> <i>Sthenelais boa</i>
			Syllidae	<i>Exogone heterosetosa</i> <i>Syllis sp.</i>
		Sabellida	Sabellidae	<i>Jasmineira elegans</i> <i>Aonidella cirrobranchiata</i> <i>Aonides oxycephala</i> <i>Dispio magna</i> <i>Parapriionospio pinnata</i> <i>Polydora sp.</i> <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> <i>Prionospio saldanha</i> <i>Prionospio sexoculata</i> <i>Prionospio sp.</i> <i>Rhynchospi glutaea</i> <i>Scolelepis (Parascolelepis) gilchristi</i> <i>Scolelepis (Scolelepis) squamata</i> <i>Spio filicornis</i> <i>Spionidae</i>
		Spionida	Spionidae	
		Terebellida	Ampharetidae	<i>Ampharete capensis</i> <i>Ampharete luederitzii</i> <i>Ampharete spp.</i> <i>Amphicteis gunneri</i>

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			Cirratulidae	<i>Aphelochaeta filiformis</i> <i>Cauilleriella acicula</i> <i>Cauilleriella capensis</i> <i>Chaetozone setosa</i> <i>Cirratulidae sp.</i> <i>Cirratulus gilchristi</i> <i>Cirriformia capensis</i> <i>Cirriformia tentaculata</i> <i>Kirkegaardia dorsobranchialis</i>
			Flabelligeridae	<i>Styliarioides swakopianus</i>
			Pectinariidae	<i>Amphictene capensis</i>
			Terebellidae	<i>Amaeana trilobata</i> <i>Nicolea macrobranchia</i> <i>Nicolea venustula</i> <i>Paramphitrite pauciseta</i> <i>Pista quadrilobata</i> <i>Telothelepus capensis</i> <i>Terebella pterochaeta</i>
			Arenicolidae	<i>Abarenicola affinis africana</i> <i>Arenicola loveni</i>
			Capitellidae	<i>Capitella capitata</i> <i>Mediomastus capensis</i> <i>Notomastus latericeus</i>
			Cossuridae	<i>Cossura coasta</i>
			Magelonidae	<i>Magelona capensis</i> <i>Magelona debeerei</i>
			Maldanidae	<i>Asychis capensis</i> <i>Euclymene sp.</i>

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Arthropoda	Malacostraca	Amphipoda	Opheliidae	<i>Maldanidae</i> <i>Ophelia capensis</i>
			Orbiniidae	<i>Leodamas johnstonei</i> <i>Orbinia angrapequensis</i>
			Oweniidae	<i>Phylo foetida ligustica</i> <i>Scolaricia dubia</i>
			Paraonidae	<i>Owenia fusiformis</i> <i>Aricidea longobranchiata</i>
			Scalibregmatidae	<i>Paradoneis lyra capensis</i> <i>Paraonidae</i>
			Sipunculidae	<i>Polyphysia</i> <i>Scalibregma inflatum</i>
			Copepoda	<i>Sipunculidae</i>
			Ampeliscidae	<i>Copepoda</i> <i>Ampelisca anomala</i> <i>Ampelisca brachyceras</i> <i>Ampelisca brevicornis</i> <i>Ampelisca fusca</i> <i>Ampelisca palmata</i> <i>Ampelisca spinimana</i>
			Ampithoidae	<i>Ampithoe ramondi</i> <i>Ampithoidae</i> <i>Sunamphitoe falsa</i>
			Aoridae	<i>Aora gibbula</i> <i>Aora kergueleni</i> <i>Lemboides acanthiger</i> <i>Lemboides afer</i> <i>Lembos spp.</i>

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
			Atylidae	<i>Nototropis guttatus</i> <i>Nototropis homochir</i> <i>Nototropis swammerdamei</i>
			Bathyporeiidae	<i>Bathyporeia</i> sp.
			Caprellidae	<i>Caprellidae</i> <i>Eupariambus fallax</i> <i>Orthoprotella mayeri</i> <i>Phtisica marina</i>
			Corophiidae	<i>Corophiidae</i> <i>Monocorophium acherusicum</i>
			Cypridoideidae	<i>Hoplopleon medusarum</i>
			Dexaminidae	<i>Dexaminidae</i> (<i>Dexamine spiniventris?</i>)
			Gammaridae	<i>Gammaridae</i>
			Hyperiidae	<i>Themisto gaudichaudii</i>
			Ischyroceridae	<i>Ericthonius brasiliensis</i> <i>Ischyrocerus carinatus</i>
			Kamakidae	<i>Aorcho delgadus</i>
			Leucothoidae	<i>Leucothoe euryonyx</i> <i>Leucothoe richiardii</i> <i>Leucothoe spinicarpa</i>
			Liljeborgiidae	<i>Idunella lindae</i> <i>Idunella salданha</i> <i>Liljeborgia epistomata</i> <i>Liljeborgia</i> spp.
			Lysianassidae	<i>Lysianassa ceratina</i> <i>Phoxostoma algoense</i> <i>Socarnes filicornis</i> <i>Socarnes septimus</i>

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
			Maeridae	<i>Ceradocus (Denticeradocus) rubromaculatus</i> <i>Elasmopus rapax</i> <i>Linguimaera boecki</i> <i>Quadrimaera inaequipes</i>
			Megaluropidae	<i>Megaluropus agilis</i> <i>Megaluropus namaquaeensis</i>
			Melitidae	<i>Melita</i> spp. <i>Monoculodopsis longimana</i> <i>Periocolodes longimanus</i>
			Oedicerotidae	
			Photidae	<i>Latigammaropsis afra</i> <i>Photis longidactyla</i> <i>Photis longimana</i> <i>Photis</i> spp.
			Phoxocephalidae	<i>Heterophoxus opus</i> <i>Paraphoxus oculatus</i> <i>Phoxocephalidae</i>
			Platyischnopidae	<i>Indischnopus herdmani</i>
			Pontogeneiidae	<i>Paramoera bidentata</i> <i>Paramoera capensis</i>
			Tryphosidae	<i>Hippomedon longimanus</i> <i>Hippomedon normalis</i> <i>Hippomedon onconotus</i> <i>Lepidepecreum twalae</i> <i>Orchomene plicatus</i>
			Urothoidae	<i>Cunicus profundus</i> <i>Urothoe coxalis</i> <i>Urothoe elegans</i> <i>Urothoe grimaldii</i>

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		Cumacea	Bodotriidae	<i>Urothoe pinnata</i> <i>Urothoe sp.</i> <i>Urothoe tumorosa</i>
		Decapoda	Alpheidae	<i>Betaeus jucundus</i>
			Callianassidae	<i>Gilvossius rotundicaudatus</i>
			Callichiridae	<i>Kraussilichirus kraussi</i>
			Camptandriidae	<i>Danielella edwardsii</i> <i>Paratylophilax algoensis</i>
			Diogenidae	<i>Diogenes brevirostris</i>
			Goneplacidae	<i>Goneplax rhomboides</i>
			Hexapodidae	<i>Spirophax spiralis</i>
			Hippolytidae	<i>Hippolyte kraussiana</i>
			Hymenosomatidae	<i>Hymenosoma orbiculare</i>
			Inachoididae	<i>Pyromia tuberculata</i>
			Leucosiidae	<i>Afrophiila punctata</i>
			Nautilocorystidae	<i>Nautilocystes ocellatus</i>
			Ogyrididae	<i>Ogyrides saldanhae</i>
			Ovalipidae	<i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>
			Palaemonidae	<i>Palaemon pacificus</i>
			Parapaguridae	<i>Parapagurus sp.</i>
			Pinnotheridae	<i>Rathbunixa occidentalis</i>
			Upogebiidae	<i>Upogebia africana</i> <i>Upogebia capensis</i>
		Isopoda	Anthuridae	<i>Amakusanthura africana</i> <i>Haliophasma coronicauda</i>

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				<i>Haliophasma tricarinata</i>
				<i>Malacanthura</i> spp.
				<i>Notanthura caeca</i>
				<i>Quantanthuria remipes</i>
				<i>Quantanthuria serenarius</i>
			Arcturidae	<i>Arcturidae</i>
				<i>Neastacilla</i>
			Bopyridae	<i>Bopyridae</i>
				<i>Eurydice kensleyi</i>
			Cirolanidae	<i>Eurydice longicornis</i>
				<i>Natatalana hirtipes</i>
				<i>Natatalana pilula</i>
			Holidoteidae	<i>Austroarcturus quadriconus</i>
				<i>Idotea indica</i>
			Idoteidae	<i>Paridotea reticulata</i>
				<i>Paridotea ungulata</i>
				<i>Synidotea hirtipes</i>
			Leptanthuridae	<i>Leptanthuria agulhasensis</i>
				<i>Exosphaeroma porrectum</i>
			Sphaeromatidae	<i>Exosphaeroma truncatitelson</i>
				<i>Exosphaeroma varicolor</i>
				Sphaeromatidae (Hemibranchiatae)
			Stenetriidae	<i>Stenetrium saldanha</i>
				<i>Asellota</i>
		Leptostraca	Nebaliidae	<i>Nebalia capensis</i>
		Stomatopoda	Squillidae	<i>Pterygosquilla capensis</i>
		Tanaidacea		<i>Tanaidacea</i> sp.
	Ostracoda			Ostracoda

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Taxa
	Pycnogonida	Pantopoda	Ascorhynchoidea <i>incertae sedis</i>	<i>Queubus jamesanus</i>
				<i>Pycnogonida</i> sp.
Chordata	Asciidiacea			Asciidiacea (solitary)
Cnidaria	Anthozoa	Actiniaria	Actiniidae	<i>Bunodosoma capense</i>
			Haloclavidae	<i>Haloclava capensis</i>
			Sagartiidae	<i>Anthothoe chilensis</i>
				Actiniaria
		Scleralcyonacea	Virgulariidae	<i>Virgularia schultzei</i>
			Cerianthidae	Cerianthidae
		Asteroidea	Valvatida	<i>Parvulastra exigua</i>
		Echinoidea	Camarodontida	<i>Parechinus angulosus</i>
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Apodida	Chiridotidae	<i>Chiridota violacea</i>
			Cucumariidae	<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>
		Dendrochirotida	Phyllophoridae	<i>Thyone aurea</i>
				Holothuroidea sp.
	Ophiuroidea	Ophiacanthida	Ophiodermatidae	<i>Ophioderma wahlbergii</i>
				Ophiuroidea
		Adapedonta	Pharidae	<i>Afrophaxas decipiens</i>
			Solenidae	<i>Solen capensis</i>
				<i>Homalina trilatera</i>
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Cardiida	Tellinidae	<i>Macomopsis ordinaria</i>
				<i>Moerella analogica</i>
				<i>Moerella tulipa</i>
				<i>Pallidea palliderosea</i>
		Carditida	Carditidae	<i>Carditella capensis</i>
			Condylocardiidae	<i>Carditopsis rugosa</i>
		Galeommatida	Lasaeidae	<i>Lasaea</i> sp.
				<i>Tellimya</i> sp.

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Mollusca	Gastropoda	Mytilida	Mytilidae	<i>Aulacomya atra</i> <i>Choromytilus meridionalis</i> <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>
		Nuculida	Nuculidae	<i>Nucula nucleus</i>
		Venerida	Mesodesmatidae	<i>Atactodea striata</i>
			Ungulinidae	<i>Microstagon trigonum</i>
			Veneridae	<i>Dosinia orbignyi</i> <i>Venerupis corrugata</i>
				<i>Bivalvia</i>
		[unassigned] Caenogastropoda	Turritellidae	<i>Turritella capensis</i>
		Cephalaspidea	Haminoeidae	<i>Haminoea natalensis</i>
			Philinidae	<i>Philine aperta</i>
			Fissurellidae	<i>Dendrofissurella scutellum</i> <i>Fissurella mutabilis</i>
		Littorinimorpha	Calyptraeidae	<i>Calyptaea chinensis</i> <i>Crepidula porcellana</i>
			Naticidae	<i>Tectonatica tecta</i>
			[unassigned] Buccinoidea	<i>Burnupena</i> sp.
			Clavatulidae	<i>Clionella sinuata</i>
		Neogastropoda	Columbellidae	<i>Anachis kraussii</i>
			Marginellidae	<i>Marginella musica</i> <i>Prunum capense</i>
				<i>Bullia annulata</i>
				<i>Bullia digitalis</i>
			Nassariidae	<i>Bullia laevissima</i> <i>Nassarius kraussianus</i> <i>Nassarius niveus</i> <i>Nassarius speciosus</i>

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		Nudibranchia		<i>Nassarius vinctus</i>
		Pleurobranchida	Pleurobranchidae	Nudibranchia
		Trochida	Trochidae	Pleurobranchidae
Nematoda				<i>Gibbula</i> sp.
Nemertea				Gastropoda sp.
				Nematoda
				Nemertea sp. 1
				Nemertea sp. 2 (small, white)

Appendix 3. Taxa identified from aquaculture farm structures in the Saldanha Bay ADZ (Anchor surveys in 2021 and 2022). Alien species are highlighted in red.

Annelida



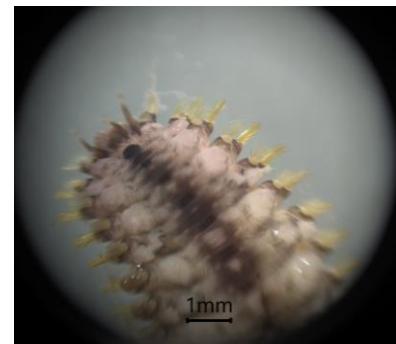
Nereididae sp.



Eulalia sp.



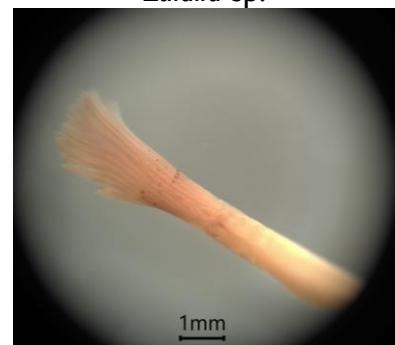
Lepidonotus semitectus



Sigalion capensis



Syllis sp.



Pseudopotamilla reniformis



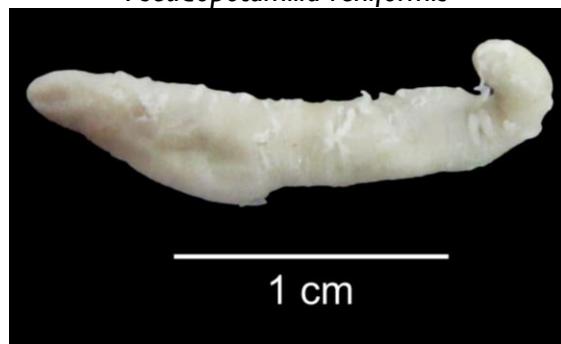
Cirratulus gilchristi



Cirriformia tentaculata



Pherusa sp.



Telothelepus capensis



Terebellides stroemii

Arthropoda





Ciona robusta



Bunodactis reynaudi



Discinisa tenuis
Chordata



Pyura stolonifera
Cnidaria



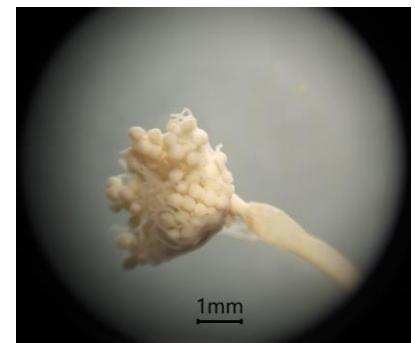
Apletodon pellegrini



Pseudactinia flagellifera



Anthothoe chilensis



Ectopleura crocea



Annametra occidentalis
(Georgina Jones)



Thyone sp.



Parechinus angulosus



Amphipholis squamata



Amphisbetia operculata
Echinodermata



Pentacta doliolum

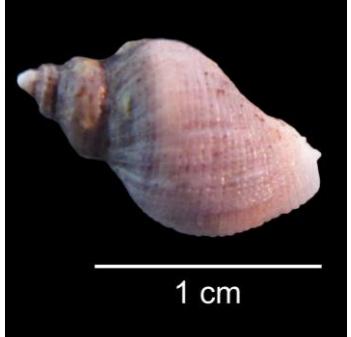


Thyone aurea

Mollusca



Aulacomya atra (WoRMS)



Nucella wahlbergi



Choromytilus meridionalis (WoRMS)



Gibbula zonata



Mytilus galloprovincialis (WoRMS)



Fissurella mutabilis



Nemertea sp.



Planocera gilchristi



Platyhelminthes sp.

Nemertea & Platyhelminthes

Ochrophyta & Chlorophyta



Colpomenia sinuosa



Ulva sp. (Example)

