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● US ecologist speaks at conference hosted by NMU

**'Human health linked to state of oceans'**

Guy Rogers

Humankind is fundamentally connected to the ocean and we need to protect the health of the sea to protect our own health.

That's the view of US ecologist Professor Phil Levin who was the keynote speaker at the three-day Transformed and Transformative Ocean Governance Conference in Port Elizabeth this week.

The event was hosted by NMU's Institute of Coastal & Marine Research, the UK-based One Ocean Hub and the International Ocean Institute.

Levin, who is affiliated to The Nature Conservancy and the University of Washington, said the health benefits of green open spaces for people had long been recognised with the importance of city parks officially extolled in the US as far back as the 1800s.

There had been a massive resurgence of this recognition in recent times and a swathe of scientific studies had been published highlighting the green-health link.

Looking to explore the still-limited research around oceans and the blue-health link further, he spent the past decade researching the way of life of the indigenous people in Haida Gwaii, an island archipelago off the North Pacific coast of British Columbia, in Canada.

There he found life revolved



around herring, a small marine fish much like the South African sardine, which was the staple food of a multitude of wild predators and the Haida people alike.

The herring and its roe eggs were preyed on by a range of larger fish and marine mammals such as dolphins and whales. Bears and other terrestrial wildlife ate the roe when it was spawned close to shore.

The Haida, usually the women, rowed out in skiffs to gather the roe spawned on kelp and then returned to dry their hauls on the beach.

It was during this time that they told stories and passed on their culture to their offspring, he said.

This ancient intricately intertwined system ran parallel with a commercial fishery but the herring population was not impregnable.

In the 1960s it crashed, resulting in a brief commercial herring fishing ban.

**SEARCHING FOR THE LINK: University of Washington ecologist Prof Phil Levin interviews a Haida woman on Haida Gwaii off the northwest coast of British Columbia**

"They gave us answers like, 'health is a healthy ocean where we can take our children to teach them, and where we can undertake traditional harvests to ensure that our culture will continue'."

"One woman told me: 'k'aaw [herring roe] fills my belly but mostly my soul.' His study prompted an important question," he said. "What are appropriate conservation targets in a coupled human-ecological system?"

"This is not only a central question for Haida Gwaii, but one that conservation scientists increasingly face worldwide."

"Clearly, the task of incorporating cultural dimensions in conservation will take effort, but it is central for building successful conservation targets that endure."

His research had shown him clearly that protecting the integrity of the ocean was vital, he said.

"We are all connected to the ocean and by ensuring its health we ensure our own."

The aim of the NMU conference was to debate ways to re-shape ocean governance to ensure more equitable distribution of marine resources to reduce poverty and malnutrition, and to improve conservation.

Yesterday, delegates were busy formulating a list of resolutions in this regard to be sent to various authorities to feed into policy.



**FULLY ARMED: Teeing off at the PE Golf Club yesterday are deputy police minister Cassel Mathale, left, and national police commissioner Gen Khehla Sitole, who are in the Bay for National Police Day** Photograph: EUGENE COETZEE

**Bay hosts National Police Day**

Gareth Wilson

The national police commissioner, deputy minister and other high-ranking officials arrived in Nelson Mandela Bay yesterday, ahead of the four-day National Police Day event.

Hundreds of senior officials arrived this week in the Bay, the 2020 host of the Annual National Excellence Awards, National Police Day and the Police Golf Day.

National police commissioner Gen Khehla Sitole and deputy police minister Cassel Mathale spent the morning at the Port Elizabeth Golf Club in Mill Park to launch the event.

Provincial Commissioner Lt-Gen Liziwe Ntshinga will host the golf day event, which will see other high-ranking officials including premier Oscar Mabuyane in attendance.

Minister Gen Bheki Cele will arrive in the Bay during the course of the weekend.

The golf day is sponsored by various businesses and the money is donated to the police educational fund for the children of officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

National police spokesperson Brig Vishnu Naidoo described the event, which ends on Monday, as the busiest week on the police calendar.

"This weekend Port Elizabeth will be abuzz with police officers from nine provinces."

"Their presence in the friendly city will result in an instant boost to local business, police visibility and general public safety," he said.

On Sunday, the delegation will hand over a three-bedroom house to Motherwell resident Sisana Mbinambina, 79, who has been living in a one-room shack with her daughter and five grandchildren.

On Sunday evening, the awards will take place at the Boardwalk Hotel and Casino. "Our important guests, the nominees and finalists in the

National Excellence Awards are also arriving from various provinces," Naidoo said.

"These are the men and women who have risen against all odds and went beyond the call of duty in the execution of their tasks."

"As an act of gratitude, they will be recognised and awarded in different employee categories."

"This is done to motivate them and encourage others to emulate the good deeds of the winners."

Late on Monday afternoon at the Gelvandale Stadium, the SAPS will pay respect to those killed in the line of duty.

**Twitter divided over Motsepe telling Trump 'Africa loves you'**

"Africa loves America, Africa loves you and it's very important for America to do well. We want you to do well and the success of America is the success of the world."

These were the words of billionaire businessman Patrice Motsepe that have caused a stir on social media.

Motsepe was sitting among some of the world's most influential businessmen, including US President Donald Trump, at a dinner at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

In the viral video, Trump speaks glowingly of the busi-

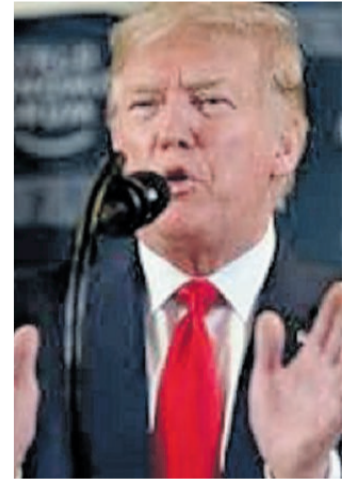
nessmen at the table, and asks them to introduce themselves.

"Around the table tonight we have the greatest businessmen in the world, they are names that I know very well and faces that I know very well, usually from looking at business publications for many years," he says, before turning to Motsepe and saying, "We'll start with you."

Not all tweeps agreed that Africa loves America, and though some came to Motsepe's defence, there didn't seem to be consensus on the issue. — *TimesLIVE*



PATRICE MOTSEPE



DONALD TRUMP

**Suspects held with 142kg perly**

Herald Reporter

Rangers and police arrested 48 suspected perlemoen poachers this week in the Garden Route National Park, South African National Parks (SANParks) spokesperson Nandi Mngwadlamba said on Friday.

Mngwadlamba said the suspects had been arrested on Thursday in the Tsitsikamma section of the park between

Salt River in Nature's Valley and the Keurbooms River east of Plettenberg Bay.

"Once nabbed, the suspects were taken to the nearest police station. More than 142kg of abalone [perlemoen] found in their possession was confiscated," she said.

"Police and rangers, including divers, are out on the water today checking that they didn't miss any more contraband

that may have been dropped overboard or stashed in the shallows."

SANParks CEO Fundisile Mketeni thanked the rangers from SANParks, the Western Cape provincial nature conservation agency CapeNature and the police for a job well done.

"Our organisation is part of local policing forums in the Garden Route towns. As a result we are able to fight poach-

ing as a collective," he said.

Mngwadlamba said perlemoen poaching was generally not a problem in the park. This was the largest number of poachers of any kind that had been arrested in the park for many years.

The suspects, who were apparently from the Western Cape town of Gansbaai, were expected to appear in court on Monday.

**Breeders' body official quits after SPCA finds 150 dead parrots at his home**

Nomahlubi Jordaan

The Parrot Breeders Association of SA (Pasa) has confirmed the resignation of a senior official after the gruesome discovery of 150 dead parrots at his home in Johannesburg.

Other parrots were allegedly found during an inspection by the Randburg SPCA in "dirty and parasitic" conditions.

"Please note that [the official] has resigned as a member of Pasa," the organisation's chair, Ben Minnar, said in a post on its Facebook

page on Thursday.

"We stand by our strict code of conduct applicable to all our members and will not tolerate any breach thereof by anybody associated with Pasa," the organisation said in an urgent announcement posted on its website.

The SPCA said it had executed a search-and-seizure warrant at the official's home on Monday, accompanied by a Johannesburg wildlife veterinarian and police.

"The inspectorate seized 20 animals for being kept in abhorrent conditions and which

in the opinion of the accompanying veterinarian, required medical intervention," the SPCA said.

"It is an offence to keep any animal in a dirty or parasitic condition in terms of the Animals Protection Act."

"Parrot cages were infested with large rats, and some enclosures were found to be obstructed with spider webs to the point where birds were unable to fly inside the enclosure and had to resort to climbing."

"The owner was found to be in possession of three Lesser Bushbabies, without being in

possession of a permit.

"More than 150 dead parrots were seen on the premises in what can only be described as a horrific scene," the SPCA said.

"The official may have to face criminal charges."

"The animals were found to be kept under offensive conditions, and we will be dealing with relevant role players, as people must be held accountable for the negligence observed at the premises. No person is above the law," inspector Shiven Bodasing of the Randburg SPCA said. — *TimesLIVE*

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**MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS**

**PORT ELIZABETH**

The Council has received the following land related applications:

*(Key to acronyms: DoT = Deed of Transfer; LUPD = Land Use Planning Ordinance 15 of 1985; SC = Special Consent; SPLUMA = Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013); TPA = Town Planning Amendment; TPD = Town Planning Departure)*

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR SPECIAL CONSENT**

- **SC 8/2020: ERF 121, SUNRIDGE PARK (25 LILY AVENUE) (CF24/00121) (AB):** Special Consent to permit an institution (Nursing Home).
- **SC 09/2020: ERF 2133, LORRAINE (11 NORIFOLIA STREET) (CF36/02133) (NP):** Special Consent to permit a guesthouse and ancillary conference facility.
- **SC 302/2019: ERF 2161, CENTRAL (3 EDWARD STREET) (CF04/02161) (AW):** Special Consent to permit student accommodation.

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS (TITLE DEED CONDITIONS) I.T.O. SECT. 47(SPLUMA)**

- **ERF 61, KINI BAY (55 SEAWAY DRIVE) (CF57/00061) (LS):** Removal of Title Deed conditions.
- **ERF 1896, MOUNT ROAD (6 ROOSEVELT ROAD) (CF15/01896) (AW):** Removal of Title Deed Conditions B3(b),(c),(d) from Title Deed T55732/2015
- **ERF 2362, WALMER (32 THRUSH ROAD) (CF32/02362) (LS):** Removal of Title Deed conditions.
- **ERF 2399, SUMMERSTRAND (MARINE DRIVE) (CF23/02399) (LS):** Removal of Title Deed conditions.

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR TOWN PLANNING AMENDMENT**

- **TPA 9548: REZONING ERF 2043, NEWTON PARK (11 FOURTH AVENUE) (CF17/02043) (LS):** Amendment to the Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme by rezoning the Erf from Residential 1 to Business 1 purposes.
- **TPA 9549: REZONING OF ERF 1105, WALMER (187 FORDYCE ROAD) (CF32/01105) (LS):** Amendment to the Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme by rezoning the Erf from Residential 1 to Residential 3F purposes.
- **CORRECTION NOTICE FOR COUNCIL'S SPECIAL CONSENT ADVERT PUBLISHED IN HERALD OF FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2019**
- **TPA 9558: REZONING ERF 1536, LORRAINE (20 VOSGES AVENUE) (CF36/01536) (AW):** Amendment to Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme by rezoning the Erf from Residential 1 to Community 1 purposes to permit a playschool and day care facilities.
- **TPA 9559: REZONING ERF 1927, LORRAINE (176 CIRCULAR DRIVE) (CF36/01927) (AW):** Amendment to Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme by rezoning the Erf from Residential 1 to Business 2 purposes to permit offices.

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Under the hand of the Acting City Manager, Ms. Noxolo Ngwazi

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