



South African Swimway Programme

For the use and protection of migratory fishes and their ecosystems in South Africa

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Our vision : Connecting Fish, Rivers And People

South Africa has a wealth of socio-ecologically important aquatic ecosystems that all South Africans depend on. The wellbeing of ecosystem services, ecological processes and biodiversity of these systems are paramount to the sustainable use and protection of water resources, for all, forever.

Migratory fishes and the connectivity of healthy river ecosystems that these fishes depend on, are a major component of our aquatic ecosystems. We need to give them more attention.

We need to understand and protect migratory fishes and the ecosystems they live in. We need to show how and why these fishes and their ecosystems are important for all South Africans.

Many stakeholders have united with the World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF) to develop a dedicated South African migratory fish and river ecosystem connectivity working programme titled: **South African Swimway Programme**.

The World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF) is an international non-profit organisation who, with its international partners, aims to contribute towards protecting and conserving migratory fish, their ecosystems and the people who depend on them. Through projects that facilitate rehabilitation, ecosystem protection and communication on fish migration, they strive and ultimately look forward to:

- Healthy migratory fish populations swimming in full abundance,
- More free-flowing rivers,
- Communities, specialists, industry and governments all working together to create a sustainable and happy environment for humans and fish alike.

Our Mission

Learn from international experiences, share knowledge, promote awareness, stimulate involvement and commitment from all stakeholders to use and manage river connectivity and fish migrations together.

Some **pilot projects** are being initiated and others developed, they include the followings :

- Sabie River Swimway project establishment,
- The effects of barriers on wellbeing of eels species,
- The ecological value or barrier removal/mitigation in the Kruger National Park.

Get involved !

Join us, we need your participation !

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Fish enthusiasts! Conservationists! Regulators! Managers! Anglers! Water users! Scientists!
School children! And everyone else!

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