



Institute for Coastal & Marine Research (CMR)

World Oceans Day 2020 Competition Winners

The **Institute for Coastal and Marine Research (CMR)** is a leading research institute that facilitates transdisciplinary ocean and coastal sciences research. The CMR is based at the Nelson Mandela University's Ocean Sciences Campus.

8 June is celebrated as **World Oceans Day** annually and globally. On this day, people around the world honour the ocean. To mark this occasion, the CMR hosted a competition!

Category 1: Art

Paintings and drawings inspired by the ocean

Category 2: Poetry

Poems paying tribute to the ocean

Category 3: Images

Spectacular moments of the ocean captured in photographs

Winners are announced on the next pages!

Winners Category 1: Artwork

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Dr Nikki James

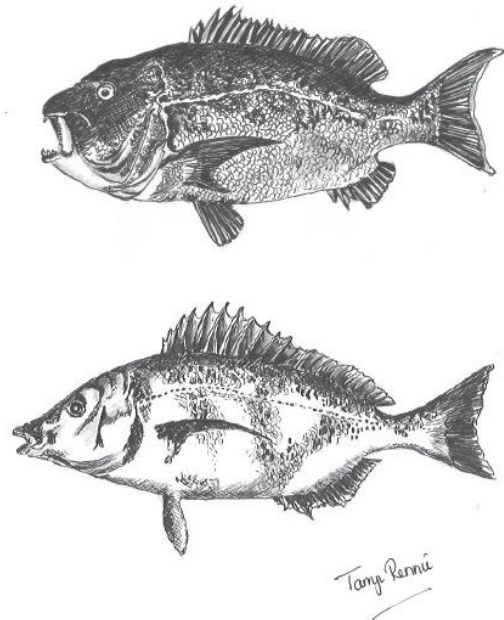
Shelley Beach, Kenton-on-Sea

Oil on Canvas painting, 150 x 300mm

2nd



Lounge Image reference: Design Bundles 2020, viewed 27 April 2020, <<https://designbundles.net/hunny-badger/37895-interior-mockup-blank-wall-mock-up>>



CATEGORY 1: FISH IN LOCKDOWN - PENCIL AND BLACK PEN

Both the Black Steenbras and White Steenbras are endemic to our South African shores with the White Steenbras being highly endangered. My concept was to bring these beautiful sea creatures to life in our homes, as interior spaces that beautify and provide visual pleasure, as much as they do in our magnificent oceans. Let's hope they've been prospering during lockdown.

Medium: pencil and black pen, Adobe Photoshop

Illustrator and Designer: Tarryn Rennie, Department of Media and Communication, Nelson Mandela University

Tarryn Rennie

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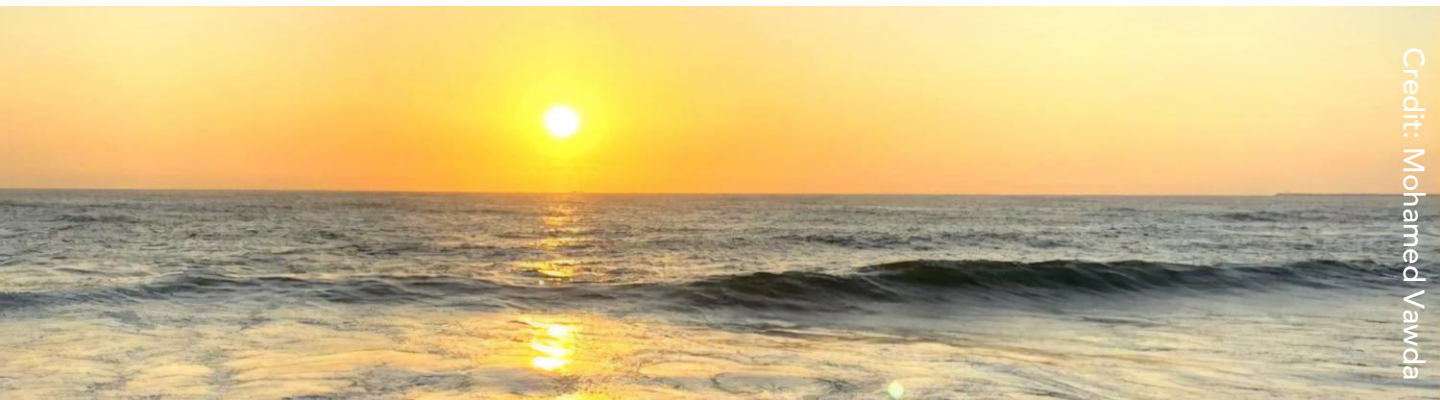


Mari Swartz

Warm Ocean Glow

Soft chalk pastel on A4 paper

This artwork helped me to combat lockdown blues. It reminded me of the alluring nature of the ocean and I created contrast by adding some brightly coloured orange fish. I wanted to capture the feeling you get when you stare at the waves rolling in – to capture the inviting essence of the turquoise waters on a perfect day at the beach.



Winners Category 2: Poetry

Nadine Ramiah

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Beautiful Shades of Blue

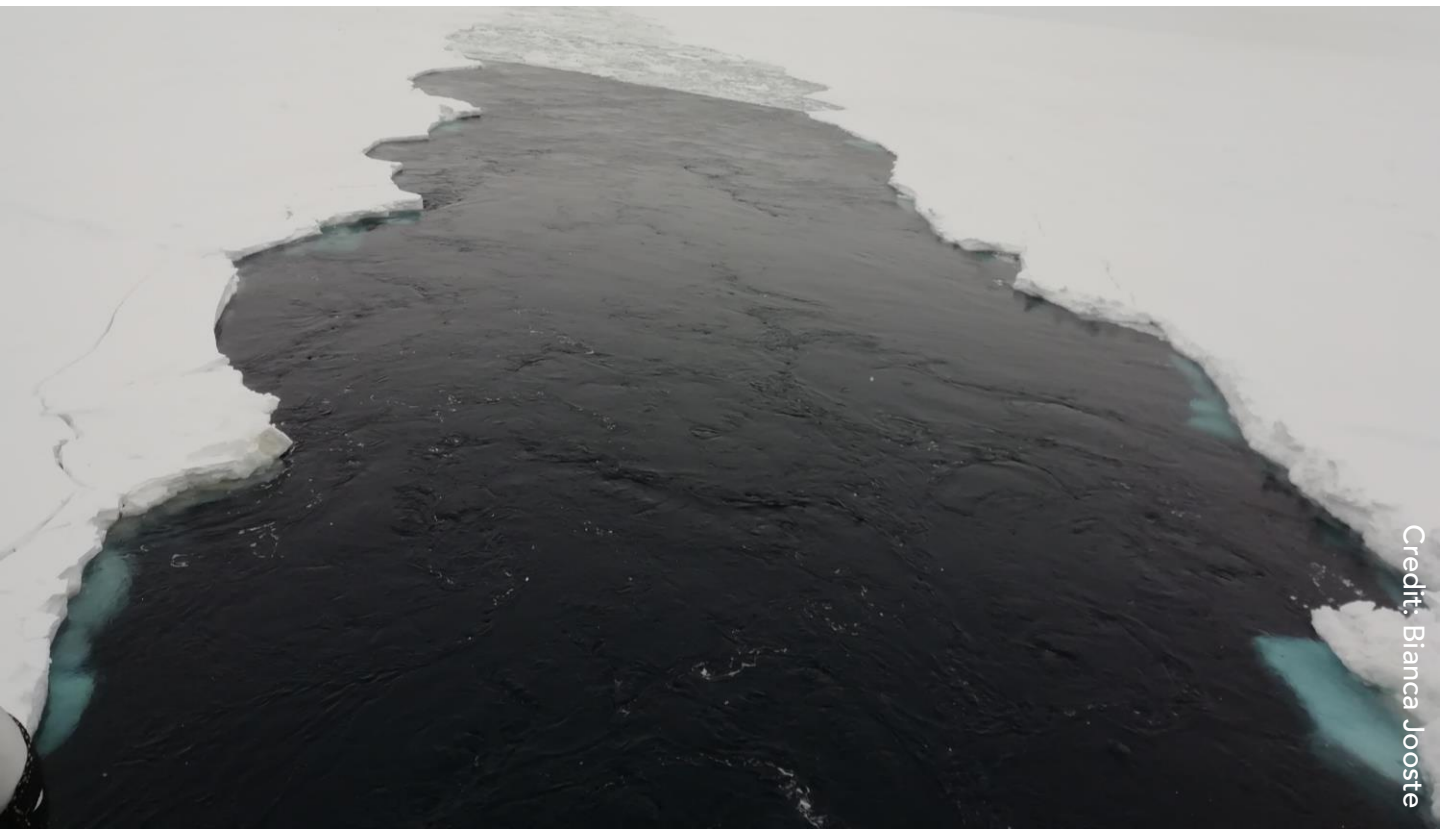
A peaceful breeze travels from city to city,
Who cannot marvel at Your astounding beauty?
Your big rocks represent the strength of Your character,
Your aquatic life shows us the perfection of nature.

A fun day of relaxation to a day surfing on Your waves,
You heal and help us in so many different ways.
Your sound is very distinct and can be heard from a distance,
Though some of Your creatures are extinct – You still shine showing perseverance.

We sometimes take You for granted,
Oil, litter and pollution is not what You wanted.
The killing of your endangered species has wounded You.
But You have somehow survived and the wounds have moulded You.

I salute You for Your courage,
And I apologise for all You have been through.
You are so marvellous Dear Ocean,
With all your Beautiful Shades Of Blue.

Image Credit: Leila Rouhani



Credit: Bianca Jooste

Lwandlekazi: A Poem to Honour the Ocean

Lwandlekazi,
 Khayakazi lezilwanyana nezityalo,
 Usisityebikazi,
 Sendalo.

Ubukho bakho buvulel'intlaninge
 yemisebenzi,
 Bugxoth'ikat'eziko,
 Bukhulise noqoqosho lwezizwe ngezizwe.

Uliqhawekazi,
 Eliqum'iindidi zobuhle,
 Ubuhle bakho abunakugqagqaniswa,
 Futhi abunakushwankathelwa,
 Kuba abugqibeki.

Ubukho bakho bukhulisa icandelo lophando,
 Bandise ulwazi ngawe,
 Bakhe nobuhlobo phakathi kwezizwe.

Ukuba ubusisiqhamo,
 Bendizakutsho ukuba uqhamile,
 Kanti ukuba ubuyintsimi,
 Bendizakutsho ukuba uchumile.

Aah! Aah! Aah! Lwandlekazi
 Maz'enethole kuwe,
 Inene sibamba ngazo zozibini kuwe,
 Lwandlekazi.

Umoya wakho uzob'ozza
 umphefumlo,
 Ungcib'intliziyo echachambileyo.
Lwandlekazi,
 Ulichiza elingaphez'ukuphilisa,
 Wawuphilisa emandulo,
 Ukanti nangoku usaphilisa.

English version and explanation of the poem

Ocean,
 Home of animals and plants,
 You are rich with nature.

You are the warrior,
 Embodying a rich biodiversity and beauty,
 Your beauty cannot be compared to anything.

If you were a fruit,
 I would say that you are so fruitful,
 If you were a garden,
 I would say that you are so fertile,

Your breeze brings healing to many souls and hearts,
 Ocean,
 You are the medicine that heals and restores.

Your presence creates jobs to many and thus combating poverty,
 You boost the county's economy,
 Your presence opens research opportunities for many,
 And enhance our knowledge about you,
 And you build relationships amongst different countries.

Aah! Ocean,
 We celebrate and honour you.

Her Love

By Bianca Jooste

The ocean spoke to her soul, calling her near with every breathe it had within it
Loving every second spent together, his every wave breaking into her existence
Night time romance would bring magic, as phytoplankton would shine as bright as
her eyes
And the day- majestic creatures, wishing that they would swallow her whole

Intrigued and moved, she followed him like Langrangian
She fell inlove with his complexity, exploring his every layer
His personality was as diverse as the creatures of the Great Barrier
A soul warmer than the tropics and eyes as cold as ice

He had so much life to offer, but life treated him cruelly
Only offering him fibres and fragments, little by little destroying his light
Like the Coriolis, he deflected her away from his pain to provide peace to her heart,
But being without him left hole in her heart, as deep as ocean trenches ever since
they fell apart

Winners Category 3: Images

1st



Muhammad Bayat
Into the Wild Blue Yonder

These "biogenic reefs" are made of stabilised sediments. The makers of which are tube worms called polychaetes. It takes a unique mind to appreciate the diversity of polychaetes. There are around 10 000 species and have adapted to survive in a great range of marine habitats including hydrothermal vents, coral reefs and the open ocean. Interestingly polychaetes and their relatives have survived 5 mass extinctions. We are truly lucky to see these colour-rich reefs on our Durban rocky shores. Umhlanga, Durban.

2nd



Natalie Dos Santos
Journey to the Unknown

A loggerhead turtle hatchling stops to take a breath on its way from its nest to the ocean at Bhanga Nek Beach, KwaZulu-Natal. On entering the ocean, turtles are said to begin their 'lost years', where their whereabouts are largely unknown until they are much older.



3rd



Natalie Dos Santos
Ocean Protector

A Blacktip Shark (Carcharhinus limbatus) glides gracefully through sunlit waters at Aliwal Shoal, KwaZulu-Natal. They play a major role in keeping our oceans and reefs healthy. It is always wonderful seeing them in the water.