

## **Project Update: January 2010**

The 100 Dive project is about to finish by March and then the 2 participating dive schools will have trained 100 people as Suba Divers and Open Water divers.

The exact report will follow.

SSI Germany has agreed to continue this program into 2010 and they have doubled the amount of material they sponsor to 200 Open Water Kits.

I am having several meetings next week, first with Rotary Uitenhage, then Addo Honary Rangers and on 3rd Feb I present Opaque at a Cinema and discuss further steps on how the public and industry can support our 200 Dive project into 2010.

Is Rufford also able and willing to furthermore support our effort to train education and knowledge about the marine environment in 2010? Ocean Messengers would be honoured if Rufford is coming aboard once more. I am aware that the 100 project needs to be finalized first, this is a query for the future, but maybe you are able to indicate already.

Discovery Channel will start showing 'Killer Whales' on its international channel from this weekend (12th February 2010) onwards worldwide!

1 year of production in New Zealand, South America and South Africa will show new evidence about the behaviour of these apex predators and show new exciting footage to the audience.

Even more astonishing to many viewers will be the fact that one third of the production took place in Port Elizabeth – South Africa.

Together with Dive Expert-Tours and Rainer Schimpf, Pangolin Pictures followed the Orcas for weeks in and around Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth. Amazing hunting techniques were documented on film.

The environmental protection and eco tourism exploration of Algoa Bay and its unique marine life should find highest interest within tourism buddies inside the Eastern Cape and within South Africa.

Dive Expert-Tours and Rainer have shown for years that the Algoa Bay is a special place and is worth investing money to protect the Bay. Ocean Messengers NGO will realize this project, we all need to work together to keep the name Port Elizabeth directly connected with extraordinary footage and extreme wildlife with the highest reputation worldwide!