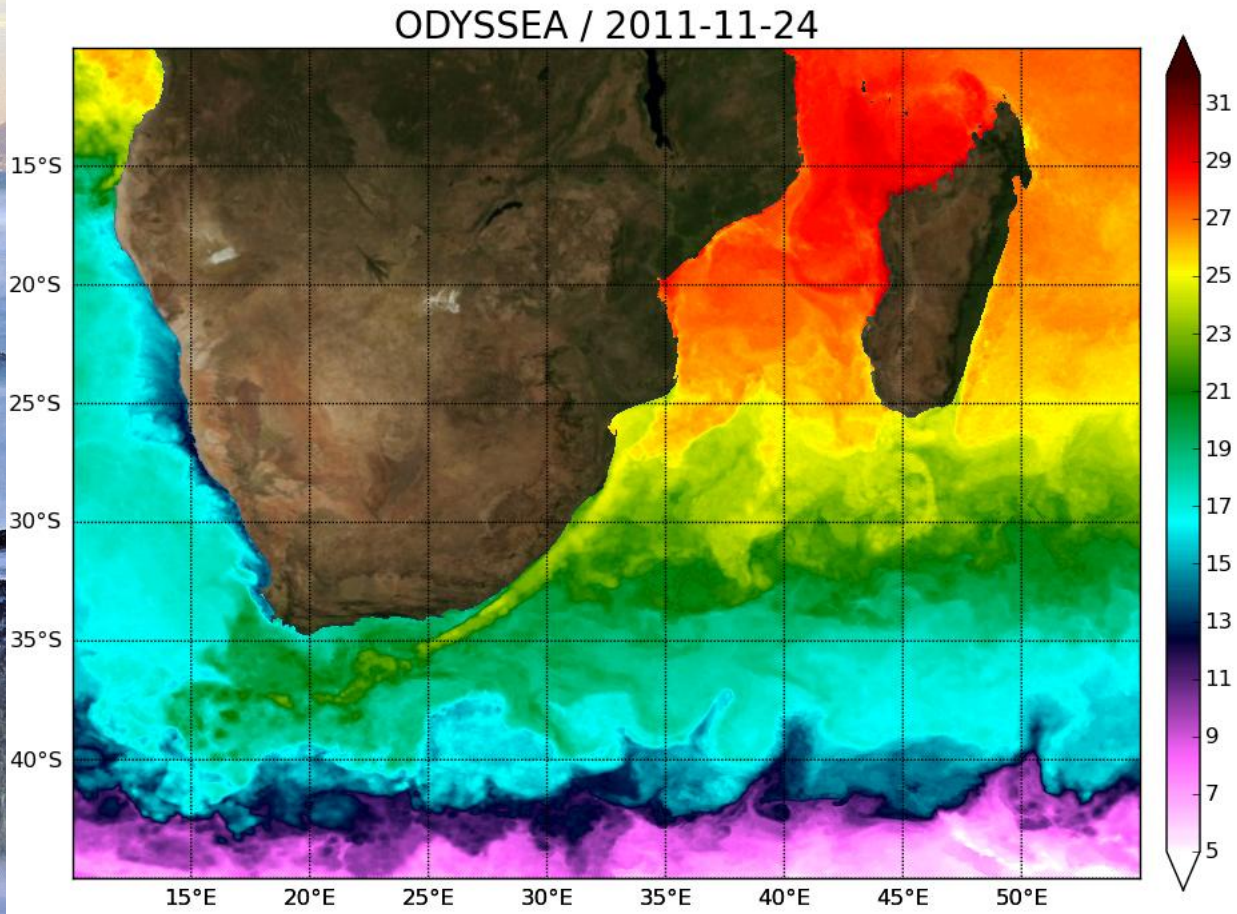
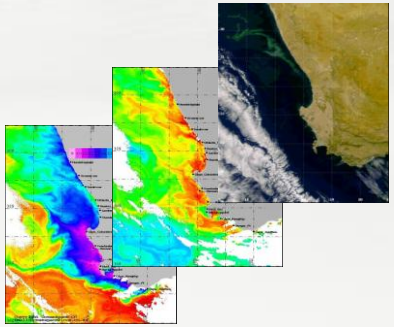
Proposed GHRSST XIV Science Meeting, 2013: Cape Town



South African GHRSST Ties:



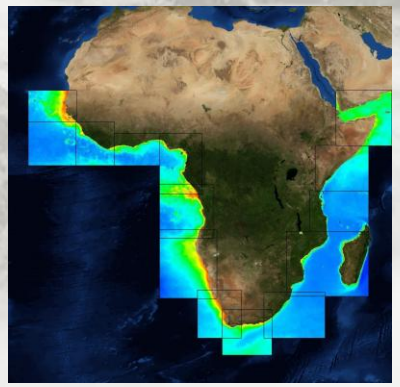
Marine Remote Sensing Unit

Based at the CSIR and University of Cape Town – disseminating earth observation data to Africa through the Europe Africa Network and promoting the informed utilization of earth observation data through tertiary and other education mechanisms.

South Africa National Space Agency (SANSA)

SANSA is South Africa's governmental body for the promotion and use of space and is a member of CEOS. One of SANSA's mandates is to collect, process and distribute earth observation data to support South Africa's policy making, decision making, planning, disaster management, resource and environmental management, etc…

GHRSST XIV will present an opportunity to cement a continued South African role in GHRSST and address SANSA CEOS commitments. The CSIR Marine Earth Observation team propose to host a GHRSST Science Team meeting in Cape Town where we can showcase cutting edge developments in the production of sst products as essential climate variables to interested marine stakeholders in the South African our community and also encourage the involvement, or at least informed sst utilization, of a wider African community.



Venue Options: Many to chose from, some examples…

<u>We have extensive experience for hosting scientific conferences…</u>
Hopefully also hosting IOCCG in early 2014!!!

1. V&A Waterfront hotel all in package

Pros: V&A attractive, many facilities, easy logistics, easy for observers
Cons: $$$
$$$

2. Central Cape Town hotel & venue e.g. Research Aquarium, Centre for the Book etc

Pros: central, many facilities, easy for observers
Cons: $$, may need more ground logistics
$$

3. Nearby coastal town e.g. Hermanus, Simonstown

Pros: potentially $, scenic, reasonable facilities
Cons: may need more ground logistics, harder for Observers $/$$

4. Retreat – wine farm, country hotel etc

Pros: potentially $, scenic, retreat
Cons: harder for observers, retreat
$/$$

Dates: end of May to end June should be cheaper (out of season)

Preferred Venue at the Waterfront with nearby hotels and the University of Cape Town Breakwater Campus:

Easy access from the airport; walking distance to hotels and the breakwater lodge; could book aquarium for breakout sessions; conference venues are well-equiped; several restaurants close by.

Travel Options

Europe
BA twice daily LHR, Air France daily Paris, KLM daily Amsterdam, SAA daily LHR, Virgin Atlantic daily LHR, Lufthansa daily Frankfurt

East
Etihad daily Abu Dhabi
Emirates twice daily Dubai
Qatar daily Doha
Singapore daily

these almost always the cheapest

West
Sao Paolo, Washington, New York through Johannesburg

Flights CPT-JNB ± 4/hour peak, 1/hour off-peak, ±$100 to $500 or take the train through the Karoo 24 hours, sleeping & dining cars etc ±$300 o/w

Approximate Costs (buying SA): Europe ±$750 (very cheap) to ±$1300 (typical direct economy) to $2800 (cheapest business class through Middle East)

Experience fine dining: