



To all the Oystercatcher Trail members and fans

The TV 2 team from PASELLA was here last week to film our beloved hiking trail experience and to highlight the fact that the area in which we operate is such an important sanctuary for the African Black Oystercatcher, Southern Right whales, diving dolphins and many other marine and terrestrial treasures.

When I asked them why we were so privileged they replied “We have heard so much about the Oystercatcher Trail and your dedicated team that it was a must for us to show South Africans what a wonderful and sensitive coast line we have in the area west of Mossel Bay”

The team started by filming the St Blaize cave and a section of the St Blaize hiking trail, which is part of the Oystercatcher Trail. From there they filmed the diggings in one of the historic caves at Pinnacle Point. This was done with the kind co-operation of Kyle Brown from the American Archeological team. These important findings of ancient artifacts prove that the caves were occupied up to 164,000 years ago. This by far pre dates any other findings of this nature. For South Africa and Africa in particular these findings of stone age artifacts, tools and ochre slivers underlines the fact that this is probably the origin of mankind in Africa. Something indeed for all of Africa to be proud of to have such a wonderful cultural history.

There are also interviews with Theresa vd Westhuizen of Cape Nature, Wayne Meyer, the coastal Ranger employed by the Fransmanshoek and Boggomsbaai conservancies and Willie Komani, our famed and passionate guide. Of course there is also the wonderful coast, Fransmanshoek, the ancient fish traps at Kanon and much more.

The program will be screened on SABC TV 2 on Wednesday the 15th October.
We hope you are going to enjoy it, so mark it as a must in your diaries.

Kind regards and much nostalgic enjoyment
Fred Orban and the OCT Team