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Additional Material

Ecosystem services

Current scientific research and facilities:

Carmabi Foundation along with the Zoological Museum of the University of Amsterdam and several associated scientists, have carried out inventories of waterbirds and freshwater fish in the area.

Current communications, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities related to or benefiting the site:

Muizenberg was designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA, AN017) in 2007 (Debrot & Wells 2008) which rises local/regional/international public awareness of the importance of preserving this area. Several scientists from Carmabi and associated universities regularly participate in conventions, radio/television shows, public presentations and local events to inform the general public of the importance of preserving our marine ecosystems. A general education program was also implemented by the Natuur en Milieu Educatie (NME), a separate branch within Carmabi which implements various educational programs for schools and local groups since the 1980s. The organization's goal and mission is to increase awareness of the values of nature through school visits, information booklets and activities in the field. However, this initiative concerns mostly the terrestrial field. Therefore, an education and visitor's centre is currently being implemented at Carmabi that will focus on the island's marine life.

Current recreational and tourism:

Hiking is the most common form of recreation in the area.