

BIODIVERSITY OF THE NAMIBIAN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE: A BRIEF REVIEW WITH EMPHASIS ON ONLINE DATABASES¹

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ABSTRACT

A summary of available information on Namibian marine biodiversity is presented including the species' scientific and common names in English and Afrikaans, when available. This also includes a listing, when reported, of preferred habitat, status, national and international protective measures by species as well as biological information specific to Namibian locales. This review is based on data currently available from various sources through the Internet, i.e., searchable databases such as FishBase, a global database on fishes of the world, which was updated to include recently published information, including that presented in other chapters of this volume. An updated version of this national database will be maintained and kept available online (at www.seaaroundus.org) illustrating the type of 'minimum databases' that we believe maritime countries should create and maintain.

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