



Programme Schedule by Day – Monday 01 June 2026

POSTERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING THE FULL MEETING

VENUE	Auditorium 1		Auditorium 2		
08:00	Registration Open Arrival coffee/tea				
08:30	Welcome and Opening				
08:45	Plenary Session 1 - Afrotropical crustacean systematics over the past 40 years (Prof. Neil Cumberlidge)				
09:15	GROUP PHOTO		VENUE SPLIT/PARTITIONED		
Session 1.1a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 1.1b - Physiology and ecology		
09:35	Brandt, Angelika	(004) AleutBio expedition (SO293): Exploring deep-sea biodiversity in the Aleutian Trench	09:35	Duquenne-Delobel, Emma	(002) Substrate selection and performance of juvenile American lobster in area-based conservation measures: density effects and habitat quality
09:55	Daniels, Savel	(008) Navigating taxonomic confusion: three novel freshwater crabs (Brachyura: Potamonautidae: <i>Potamonautes</i>) nested within a species complex in the Drakensberg Mountains, South Africa	09:55	Thomas-Durand, Garance	(003) Ecological partitioning of cryptic copepods: spatiotemporal distribution and species-specific contributions to secondary production
10:15	Toledano Carrasco, la Atzimba	(010) Analysis of phylogenetic relationships among American sesamid crabs with emphasis on the genera <i>Aratus</i> H. Milne Edwards, 1853 and <i>Armases</i> Abele, 1992 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Sesamidae)	10:15	Chou, Chun-Chia	(005) Too noisy to flirt: How environmental complexity shapes courtship behavior in fiddler crabs
10:35	Mid-morning refreshments				
Session 1.2a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 1.2b - Physiology and ecology		
11:10	de Mazencourt, Valentin	(014) New insights on the diversity of South African freshwater shrimp (Decapoda - Caridea)	11:10	Johnstone, Antonia M.	(017) Silk production in deep-sea Amphipoda
11:30	Kunze, Mike	(016) Resolving the <i>Hydroniscus vitjazi</i> complex (Isopoda: Haplونiscidae) using ontogeny, biogeography, and advanced imaging	11:30	Brokensha, Rouane M.	(020) Why mantis shrimp matter: The ecology of <i>Pterygosquilla capensis</i> (Crustacea: Stomatopoda: Squillidae) in southern African territorial waters
11:50	Kohlenbach, Katharina	(019) Between hot hydrothermal vents and cold abyssal basins: Distributional studies of Arctic isopod species	11:50	Hawkes, Sarah	(028) Comparative feeding ecology of <i>Melita zeylanica</i> from estuaries and estuarine-like stromatolite pools
12:10	Balbino, Felipe C.	(022) Morphology reflects evolutionary history: male first gonopod supports phylogenetic relationships of the freshwater family Trichodactylidae H. Milne Edwards, 1853 to the marine groups (Decapoda, Brachyura)	12:10	Smit, Leigh-Ann	(029) Cascading effects of grapsoid crab density on salt marsh vegetation



VENUE	Auditorium 1		Auditorium 2		
12:30	Lunch				
Session 1.3a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 1.3b - Physiology and ecology		
13:30	Shiraki, Shoki	(031) Molecular phylogeny and habitat transitions of the isopod <i>Cyathura</i> , including the discovery of an undescribed freshwater species	13:30	Davids, Muhammad Uzair	(036) Sizing up <i>Ampelisca</i> : Size class distributions of tube-building <i>Ampelisca</i> spp. in False Bay, South Africa
13:50	Knauber, Henry	(032) Across Trenches, Ridges and Plains - New revelations about the biogeography and diversity of deep-sea isopods	13:50	Takeno, Keisuke	(038) Male major cheliped dimorphism and its function in male-male competition in Ghost Shrimp
14:10	Löwenstein, Augustina	(048) New discoveries in coral-associated isopods: Exploring the unknown inhabitants of Aotearoa's deep-water corals	14:10	Zanetti, Giovanna	(050) Thermal stress as a disruptor of circadian organization of clock gene expression, heat shock proteins, and the reproductive neuroendocrine axis in the blue crab <i>Callinectes sapidus</i>
14:30	Reis, Giovanna O.	(052) Checklist of the order amphipoda (Amphilochidea and Senticaudata) for the intertidal zone of Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil	14:30	Xozumti, Ayanda P.	(057) Occurrence and ecological impacts of microplastics in Western Cape estuarine systems: The role of endobenthic ecosystem engineers in translocation
14:50	Mid-afternoon refreshments				
Session 1.4a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 1.4b - Parasitic crustacea		
15:20	Rabet, Nicolas	(090) Cryptic diversity in branchiopodopsis from South Africa: Toward a strategy for addressing the problem	15:20	Dippenaar, Susan	(001) Counting the often unseen: reported biodiversity of marine symbiotic Siphonostomatoida off South Africa
15:40	Majingo, Zamabhisi	(053) Systematics of <i>Ozestheria australis</i> (Crustacea: Branchiopoda: Spinicaudata) in South Africa	15:40	Boyko, Christopher B.	(011) An unexpected new species of Cabiropidae (Epicaridea) infesting <i>Aega psora</i> (Aegidae) from the fjords of Norway
16:00	Reis, Giovanna O.	(054) Revisiting the genus <i>Bathyporeiapus</i> Schellenberg, 1931 (Amphipoda: Exoedicerotidae) in the Temperate South America ecoregions	16:00	Williams, Jason D.	(025) Cryptic endoparasites: entoniscid isopods associated with mithracid crabs from Panama
16:20	Wetzer, Regina	(055) Isopods everywhere: It is a wonderful time to be an isopod specimen	16:20	Audebert, Fabienne	(075) An interactive identification key for <i>Sacculina</i> sp. (Crustacean, Cirripeda, Rhizocephala) using Xper ³
16:40	Palacios Theil, Emma	(051) Hiding in plain sight: Tanaidacean diversity in kelp holdfasts			
17:00	Close of Day 1				
17:00	Welcome Reception at STIAS (Dress code: come as you are!)				



Programme Schedule by Day – Tuesday 02 June 2026

VENUE	Auditorium 1			Auditorium 2		
08:00	Registration Open Arrival coffee/tea					
08:30	Plenary Session 2 - Issues faced by small scale fishers in South Africa, with a focus on the west coast rock lobster fishery (Prof. Moenieba Isaacs)					
09:15	VENUE SPLIT/PARTITIONED					
Session 2.1a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 2.1b - Marine research: intertidal to deep ocean			
09:35	Wetzer, Regina	(056) From deserts to mountains to the sea, who are the oniscids amongst 18 million Los Angelenos?	09:35	Klüh, Dennis	(009) Running up that Hill? Habitat-dependent diversity and connectivity of deep-sea isopods	
09:55	Antonio, Samantha Grace N.	(060) Speciation between grains of sand: A new Caribbean species of <i>Humesiana</i> (Crustacea: Cumacea)	09:55	Doorman, Amy J.	(021) Investigating methodological aspects of environmental DNA metabarcoding on the detection of fine-scale biogeographic patterns of Crustaceans	
10:15	Pearl, Rachael	(063) A wealth of discovery: amphipods from the Bounty Trough, New Zealand	10:15	Rishworth, Gavin M.	(026) No place like home: modern microbialites, metazoan evolution and an endemic tanaid	
10:35	Mid-morning refreshments					
Session 2.2a - Systematics, taxonomic and biogeography			Session 2.2b - Marine research: intertidal to deep ocean			
11:10	Tan, Zhi Wan	(062) Exploring the freshwater potamid diversity in karst systems of Southeast Asia	11:10	Christodoulou, Magdalini	(027) Patterns and drivers of decapod biodiversity in the Mediterranean Sea	
11:30	Jakiel, Aleksandra	(077) Apseudomorpha worldwide: Distribution patterns or sampling artefacts?	11:30	Retief, Daniel J.	(030) Kelp holdfast associated crustacean assemblages on the Cape Peninsula: the pursuit for deeper understanding	
11:50	Arnold, Angel	(085) Exploring the diversity and distribution of calanoid copepods and branchiopods of temporary ponds of Var (Southern France)	11:50	Hu, Zhehao	(039) Effect of adult mobility on species distribution pattern of deep-sea isopods (Haplonsiscidae, Munnopsidae)	
12:10	Rabet, Nicolas	(087) Phylogenetic analyses of multiple South African populations assigned to <i>Leptestheria siliqua</i> Sars, 1898 reveal substantial molecular heterogeneity, supporting the hypothesis of a cryptic	12:10	Mdluli, Njabulo	(045) A comparative study of merozooplankton assemblages between management zones of the uThukela Banks MPA	
12:30				12:30	Miranda, Nelson	(046) Crab in the machine: Automated and standardised crab monitoring for global mangrove ecosystem assessments
12:50	Lunch					



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Session 2.3a - Ecotoxicology and diseases			Session 2.3b - Marine research: intertidal to deep ocean		
13:50	Drummond, Ari	(093) Flicking fibres: Microfibres act as sensory disruptors in a marine crustacean	13:50	Katharoyan, Chaitanya	(058) <i>Ecklonia maxima</i> holdfasts as natural microcosms: Foundations of ecological complexity in macrofauna communities
Session 2.4a - Resource management					
14:10	Theuerkauff, Dimitri	(071) Population structure and reproductive biology of spiny lobsters (<i>Panulirus</i> sp.) in Mayotte island (SW Indian Ocean)	14:10	Fennessy, Sean	(070) Mainly prawns and crabs! Reflections on South African east coast offshore megacrustaceans
14:30	van der Heever, Grant	(068) First insights into bycatch patterns in the West Coast Rock Lobster (<i>Jasus lalandii</i>) trap fishery	14:30	Landschoff, Jannes	(076) 1001 Seaforest Species: a novel online marine biodiversity platform to support marine research and ocean storytelling in the Great African Seaforest
14:50			14:50	Mégevand, Laura	(080) Engineer crabs and ecophysiological investigations to better understand the effects of anthropogenic pollution on mangrove ecosystems
15:10	Mid-afternoon refreshments				
Session 2.5a - Reproduction, development and larval biology			Session 2.4b - Marine research: intertidal to deep ocean		
15:40	Wang, Chieh-Li	(015) Not all males are judged the same: Mixed mate choice strategies in milky fiddler crabs	15:40	Drummond, Ari	(094) Does noise elevation impact the foraging ability of intertidal hermit crabs?
16:00	Tsukimura, Brian	(097) Seasonal dominance, lunar effects and thermal stress on reproduction of a Rocky Intertidal Porcelain Crab	16:00	Nzama, Sazi F.	(095) Copepod response to metal contamination in Algoa Bay, South Africa
16:20			16:20	Pentcheff, N. Dean	(099) All the things: Every species on the California coast
16:40	POSTER SESSION				
17:30	Close of Day 2				
18:30	Public Talk at the Botanical Gardens - How knowledge about the ecology and evolution of crustaceans is changing how we look at life (George Branch)				



Poster Session – Tuesday 02 June 2026, 16:40

Theme	Presenter	Abstract nr. and Title
Biodiversity, Conservation and Invasion: Land To Sea	Surroop, Bhuvaneshwaree	(007) Phylogenetic insights and occurrence patterns of marine crustaceans (superorder Eucarida and Hoplocarida; class malacostraca) associated with aquaculture net structures in Mauritius
Physiology and Ecology	Johnstone, Antonia M.	(018) Out of sight: the evolution of vision in the deep sea
	Ravaux, Juliette	(023) The sensory gene repertoire of deep-sea hydrothermal shrimp
	Bertin, Léandre	(061) Thermal tolerance under climate warming in the mangrove fiddler crab <i>Paraleptuca chlorophthalmus</i> : an integrative metabolic and behavioural approach
	Auerswald, Lutz	(065) Responses of the West Coast rock lobster, <i>Jasus lalandii</i> , to environmental stresses
Reproduction, Development and Larval Biology	Tudge, Christopher	(037) Comparative morphology of land hermit crab (Genus <i>Coenobita</i>) larval development
Resource Management	van der Heever, Grant	(066) From nearshore to offshore: Tracking size, sex, and population structure in West Coast Rock Lobsters (<i>Jasus lalandii</i>)
	Matshamba, Lulama L.	(072) Investigating spatial and temporal discard patterns of West Coast rock lobster <i>Jasus lalandii</i> across key fishing areas
Systematics, Taxonomic and Biogeography	Sato, Taigi	(024) Re-classification of hexapodid genera <i>Hexapinus</i> , <i>Mariaplax</i> and <i>Rayapinus</i> (Decapoda: Brachyura) based on molecular phylogeny and morphology
	Arantes, Tiago	(035) Molecular evidence for hidden diversity in Neotropical freshwater crab <i>Mikrotrichodactylus kensleyi</i> (Trichodactylidae)
	Moon, Ji-Young	(044) Checklist and distribution of symbiotic Brachyuran Crabs (Decapoda: Brachyura) from Korean Coastal and adjacent waters
	Theuerkauff, Dimitri	(069) Genetic structure and large-scale connectivity of the painted spiny lobster <i>Panulirus versicolor</i> across the Indo-Pacific
	Peart, Rachael	(064) The curious case of the extraordinarily long goose barnacles (<i>Lepas</i> spp.)



Programme Schedule by Day – Wednesday 03 June 2026



IZIKO MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

www.iziko.org.za

Transport Pickup:
08:00
Transport Return:
13:00

INCLUDED

- Entry to the
 - Iziko South African Museum
 - National Gallery
 - Slave Lodge
- Lunch Pack
- Transport to and from Iziko

What to wear

Comfortable clothing, hat/suncare, walking shoes, something warm, and an umbrella/raincoat just in case.



SNORKELLING IN SIMONSTOWN WINDMILL BEACH

www.khoiscouts.co.za

Transport Pickup:
07:00
Transport Return:
13:00

INCLUDED

- A brief presentation on False Bay's unique ecosystem, its communities, and rich biodiversity.
- A calm yoga stretching and slow breathing session
- A guided snorkel exploration in Simonstown Windmill Beach(MPA)
- Snorkelling gear included: wetsuits, masks, snorkels, fins, and floating buoys for safety.
- Lunch Pack
- Transport to and from Windmill Beach

What to wear

Comfortable clothing, hat/suncare, walking shoes, something warm, and an umbrella/raincoat just in case.



WEST COAST FOSSIL PARK

www.fossilpark.org.za

Transport Pickup:
08:00
Transport Return:
13:00

INCLUDED

- Entry fee to Museum and Dig Site
- Lunch Pack
- Transport to and from the Fossil Park

EXCLUDED

Optional: Lunch at restaurant will be for your own account.

What to wear

Comfortable clothing, hat/suncare, walking shoes, something warm, and an umbrella/raincoat just in case.



FULL-DAY MYSTERY WINE TOUR EXPERIENCE

Transport Pickup:
09:30
Transport Return:
16:00/17:00

INCLUDED

- Tasting fees at selected wineries
- Certified expert guide leading intimate wine tastings, sharing in-depth knowledge and insider insights
- Snack Pack
- Transport to and from the wine farms

EXCLUDED

Optional: Lunch at restaurant will be for your own account.

What to wear

Comfortable clothing, hat/suncare, walking shoes, something warm, and an umbrella/raincoat just in case.

**Transport will leave and return from STIAS.*



Programme Schedule by Day – Thursday 04 June 2026

VENUE	Auditorium 1			Auditorium 2		
08:30	Registration Open Arrival coffee/tea					
09:00	Plenary Session 3 - Unlocking biodiversity data for decisions that make a difference: two decades of research shaping ocean assessment, planning and protection (Prof. Kerry Sink & Dr Lara Atkinson)					
09:45	VENUE SPLIT/PARTITIONED					
Session 3.1a - Biodiversity, conservation and invasion: land to sea			Session 3.1b - Phylogenetics and genomics: recent developments and advances			
10:05	Motitsoe, Samuel N.	(033) Zooplankton size matters: Testing the size–efficiency hypothesis in invaded freshwaters	09:35	Thoms Thorpe, Jessica A.	(012) (What) Can isopod genomes tell us about their ecological transitions?	
10:25	Perroca, Julia Fernandes	(059) Life in the drift: Uncovering decapod larval diversity in Southeast Brazil with DNA metabarcoding	09:55	Nwekoyo, Vitalis E.	(034) Africa’s first <i>Macrobrachium</i> mitogenomes: comparative mitochondrial genomics and phylogenetic insights from Nigerian waters	
10:45	Ekpe, Sonigitu A.	(043) Evaluating marine protected areas management effectiveness in Sierra Leone and sustainable tourism potential in the Yellow Sea Ecoregion	10:15	Oliveira-Rogeri, Lucas	(079) Phylogenomics meets <i>Aegla</i> : phylogeny and biogeography of Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest aeglid species (Decapoda: Anomura) using genomic-scale data	
11:05	Mid-morning refreshments					
Session 3.2a - Biodiversity, conservation and invasion: land to sea			Session 3.2b - Phylogenetics and genomics: recent developments and advances			
11:40	Nsibande, Lunelo	(073) Ecology and spatial distribution of crustaceans in Algoa and St Francis bays, Eastern Cape, South Africa	11:10	Dlamini, Sthembile	(096) Comparison study of the genetic diversity of an invasive crustacean genus <i>Megabalanus</i>	
12:00	Błażewicz, Magdalena	(089) Environmental filtering and bathymetric structuring of tanaid assemblages in bass strait (se Australia)	11:30	Crustacean Genome Consortium	(088) The Crustacean Genome Project	
12:20	Lunch					
13:20	TCS meeting & next conference bids					
14:15	Closing Session & Prize Giving					
15:00	Close of Meeting					
17:00	Depart from STIAS for Gala Dinner					
18:00	GALA DINNER @ GOLD					



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DINNER

Dress code: Smart Casual (and something warm)

17:00	Buses depart from STIAS to GOLD Restaurant
18:00	TCS 2026 Conference Dinner
21:30	First bus leaves back to STIAS
22:30	Last bus leaves back to STIAS

From the moment you arrive, you're welcomed into a vibrant, sensory-rich environment. The evening will begin with a traditional handwashing ritual - symbolic of hospitality across many African cultures - setting the tone for what follows.

The dining itself is a **14-dish tasting menu**, inspired by flavours from across the continent, including regions like North Africa, West Africa, and Cape Malay cuisine. Each course is introduced with a brief explanation, giving context to the ingredients and cultural origins.

But what truly sets GOLD apart is the **live entertainment woven throughout the evening**. Performers move through the space with:

- African drumming sessions (you may even participate...)
- Storytelling and praise singing
- Mali puppetry
- Energetic dance performances representing different African traditions

The atmosphere is lively, interactive, and celebratory.

Expect:

- A cultural showcase rather than a quiet fine-dining meal.
- A social, high-energy evening.
- A broad introduction to African cuisine in one sitting.

