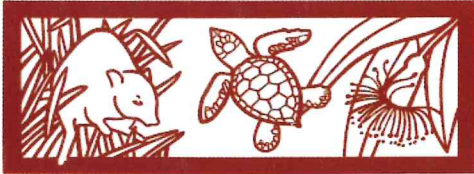


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Places are available on our ocean going research expeditions for 2007 and 2008.



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In December 2007, WA Tourism's Golden Guide Award winner Kevin Coate will join the Western Australian Museum's Curator of Ornithology, Ron Johnstone, in the Houtman Abrolhos leading an expedition studying breeding seabirds. The Abrolhos Islands harbour the most species-rich assemblage of seabirds in the Indian Ocean.



We will begin in the Wallaby group and visit as many islands as possible to record seabird, shorebird and bush-bird populations at the height of the breeding season.

The Abrolhos is also the site where the *Batavia*, a ship of the Dutch East India Company, was wrecked in 1629, leading to one of the most extraordinary tales in Australian maritime history. Participants will be able to explore the ruins from this remarkable event.

"Seabirds and Shipwrecks" from 11 – 18 December 2007, is based aboard the charter vessel *Odyssey*. The expedition costs \$3685 ex Geraldton and includes meals, accommodation, charter vessel, research equipment and the opportunity to explore the natural and historical features of this region.

In January 2008, **LANDSCOPE Expeditions** returns to Dirk Hartog Island to continue important turtle research.

Participants will help tag and record female loggerhead turtles as they come onto the beach at the northern end of the island. It's a great opportunity to see egg laying and there is the possibility of watching turtle hatchlings emerge from the nest and make their way to the ocean for the first time. The work is crucial in determining the health and size of the loggerhead turtle population, which is the most endangered turtle that nests in Australian waters.



The **"Loggerhead Turtles of Dirk Hartog Island"** expedition is conducted in two teams. The first from 7 – 14 January and the second from 14 – 21 January 2008. Participants will be based aboard the *Odyssey* a 24 m twin hulled modern charter vessel, specifically designed for research and eco tourism. The fee ex Denham (the 2008 price has yet to be determined) includes meals, accommodation, charter vessel and research equipment.



LANDSCOPE Expeditions are available to anyone over the age of 13 – and you don't have to be a scientist to join. Participants will return with a broader understanding of the natural world and the reward of knowing that they have contributed to pioneering conservation studies in remote locations.

Your valuable contribution of time, funds and personnel make the research possible, in fact many important projects would simply not go ahead without the community's help. Participants' funding helps support nature conservation research across the state.

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