

# Seli 1 oil slick threatens marine life

According to *Weekend Argus*, conservationists are furious after bad weather broke the wreck of the Seli 1 into three sections, releasing an oil slick which now poses a threat to marine life and to Bloubergstrand, one of the Cape Peninsula's most popular beaches.

Seabird rehabilitation organisation Sanccob said it had long put pressure on the relevant authorities to remove the wreck, which was harming the marine environment, as well as seabirds such as the endangered African penguin, says *Weekend Argus*.

Maritime Safety Authority (Samsa) regional manager Dave Colly, said that they too, have been warning the Department of Transport "for far too long that this was going to happen."

*Weekend Argus* reports a request by the transport department for R40 million from the National Treasury to remove the wreck is expected to finally come before the cabinet this month - too late to prevent the third such spill, which occurred overnight on Friday.

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