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- 1) Do not return it to the ocean. It has stranded as it is either weak, ill, tired or has ingested plastic.
- 2) Do not place it in a container of water. Turtles are air breathing and can drown if weak and tired.
- 3) Keep it in a dry, ventilated and room temperature box, preferably placing the turtle on a towel.
- 4) Contact the turtle rescue number or the local marine stranding organization.
- 5) Get a location pin

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- 1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest.
- 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it.
- 3) Call your local marine stranding organization.
- 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers.

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- 1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest.
- 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it.
- 3) Call your local marine stranding organization.
- 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers.
- 5) After you have spoken to a marine animal rescuer, and they request you to collect the Penguin, follow their instructions on how to handle it and where to take it. Please be aware that they have extremely sharp beaks and need to be handled with care and cautiously.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DOLPHIN

- 1) Check for any obvious injuries.
- 2) Report to the local marine stranding organization and provide a detailed report of condition and location.
- 3) Unless advised by the stranding organization, do not attempt to return the dolphin to the ocean. Keep it cool by placing wet towels over it and wetting the towels about every 10 minutes.
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Letter via The Editor

The VMHC- Voluntary Medical male circumcision program is a program that works hand in hand with the department of health. We have these programs once a month and we have professionals that do the circumcisions. Additional information is also provided on the day or at your nearest health facilities and you can also get it from the mobilisers. We cut from the age of 10 yrs and older. It is utmost important to remove the foreskin to prevent getting any infections of any kind and it's a very safe way to do it. For any information or a booking, please so contact me on Facebook/ Whatsapp (0735135119).

Kind regards

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Pufferfish and Yellow-Tailed Sea Snake on Western Cape Beaches The wind has brought pufferfish (blaasoppies) and possibly yellow-bellied sea snakes to beaches along the Western Cape.

These marine creatures pose significant risks to both humans and pets.

DANGERS

Pufferfish: Highly toxic due to tetrodotoxin, which can be fatal if ingested. Tragically, a puppy recently died after chewing on one during a beach walk. **Yellow-Bellied Sea Snakes:** Extremely venomous. Though typically not aggressive, bites can be life-

threatening.

WHAT TO DO

Keep Pets and Children Away: Do not touch or allow pets to interact with these creatures even if they are dead. Call for Help: Call or Whatsapp the Plett Stranding Hotline on +27 79 463 4837 if you spot a yellow-bellied sea snake. **REPORT!** Seek Medical Attention Immediately:

If ingested or bitten, go to the nearest hospital or vet without delay.

APPEARANCE OF DEAD PUFFERFISH ON BEACHES

Size and Shape: Usually small to medium in size, ranging from 10 cm to over 30 cm long. Their bodies are round or oval-shaped. **Color:** Pale, faded, or discolored due to sun exposure and saltwater. Colors may vary from dull grey to yellowish-brown. **Texture and Skin:** Rough, spiky skin even when deflated. **Spines** are short and stiff, making them look prickly. **Position and Condition:** Often found lying on their sides, bloated or partially deflated.

Odor: Can emit a strong, unpleasant smell as they decompose.

Location on Beaches: Typically scattered along the high tide line, mixed with seaweed and other debris.

APPEARANCE OF DEAD YELLOW-BELLIED SEA SNAKES ON BEACHES

Size and Shape: Usually slender and elongated, measuring between 60 cm to 1 meter in length. **Color:** Distinctive bright yellow belly with a dark brown or black upper body. The colors may appear faded or dull due to sun exposure and saltwater. **Tail:** Paddle-shaped tail, flattened to aid in swimming. This unique tail shape helps to easily identify them. **Condition and Position:** Often found twisted or curled up, sometimes partially buried in sand. Their bodies might appear bloated or rigid. **Odor:** Can emit a strong, unpleasant smell as they decompose. **Location on Beaches:** Typically found along the high tide line, tangled in seaweed or among other marine debris. **Behavior When Found:** They are completely limp and unresponsive when dead. However, caution is advised as

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ABOUT PUFFERFISH

• **Why They're Dangerous:** They contain tetrodotoxin, a potent neurotoxin that's deadly if ingested. This toxin is 1,200 times more poisonous than cyanide. There is no known antidote.

Local Occurrence: In South Africa, they are commonly known as "blaasoppies." They are more likely to wash up on shores after rough seas or strong currents. **Natural Role:** Despite their toxicity, pufferfish play a crucial role in the marine ecosystem as both predator and prey, maintaining the balance of smaller marine species.

ABOUT YELLOW-BELLIED SEA SNAKES

Why They're Dangerous: Their venom is highly potent, affecting the nervous system and muscle function. Although they are not aggressive, bites can be life-threatening.

Behavior and Habitat: They are fully marine and never come on land voluntarily. They are typically found in tropical ocean waters but may wash ashore after storms.

Natural Role: Yellow-bellied sea snakes help control fish populations, contributing to the health of coral reef ecosystems.

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**GENERAL VALUATION ROLL
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PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION
OF THE GENERAL VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act, of 2004 (Act No.6 of 2004), hereafter referred to as the "Act", that the valuation roll for the financial years 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029, is open for public inspection at the various municipal offices and libraries and on the municipal website www.bitou.gov.za, from Monday to Friday, during office hours **from 10 February 2025 to 11 April 2025**.

An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49 (1)(a)(ii) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires should lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any other matter reflected in, or omitted from, the valuation roll within the below-mentioned period.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the valuation roll as such. The form for lodging objections is obtainable at the below-mentioned municipal offices or on the municipal website.

The completed objection forms must be emailed to rates@plett.gov.za

For enquiries, please contact: **I Frans 044 501 3432 or A Zindlu 044 501 3426**

THE CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS IS 16:00 ON FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025.
No late objections will be accepted.

This notice was published for the first time on **07 February 2025**.

Below are the municipal offices' addresses. The documents will also be made available in all municipal libraries which are located in all wards across Bitou Municipality.

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