

S1 Table: Search effort per section of the study area, year and season.

Year/Section*	Search effort (hours: minutes)			Number of surveys		
	Summer	Winter	Total	Summer	Winter	Total
2014	142:33	139:08	281:41	42	42	84
1	33:17	25:13	58:30	10	10	20
2	30:49	31:32	62:21	9	10	19
3	53:07	43:54	97:01	14	12	26
4	17:58	19:57	37:55	6	5	11
5	7:22	18:32	25:54	3	5	8
2015	167:49	180:29	348:18	47	48	95
1	40:12	42:22	82:34	12	13	25
2	34:13	39:44	73:57	12	12	24
3	53:13	57:39	110:52	13	13	26
4	25:49	25:13	51:02	6	6	12
5	14:22	15:31	29:53	4	4	8
2016	32:19		32:19	10		10
1	9:17		9:17	3		3
2	8:45		8:45	3		3
3	10:15		10:15	3		3
4	4:02		4:02	1		1
Total	342:41	319:37	662:18	99	90	189

*Section 1: from the western boundary of the Goukamma MPA to the Knysna (length 24 km); Section 2 from the Knysna to the western boundary of the Robberg MPA (34 km); Section 3 from the western boundary of the Robberg MPA to the western boundary of the Tsitsikamma MPA (29 km); Section 4 from the western boundary of the Tsitsikamma MPA to the Storms River mouth (31 km); and Section 5 from the Storms River mouth to the eastern boundary of the Tsitsikamma MPA (27 km)