

# NatMIRC-SYKE MRC ICI Project: r/v Mirabilis



# Background

- **New r/v necessary for NatMIRC use**
- **Feasibility study by ZA company in Oct 2010 => recommendation to purchase vessel from Finland**
- **Appraisal Team appointed by Finnish FORMIN; visit Namibia in December 2010**
- **Report to FORMIN favourable, decision on Concessional credit support to Namibian Ministry of Fisheries and Marine resources to purchase the vessel from Finland**
- **Order of new vessel in Feb 2011**
- **Completed in June 2012, named "Mirabilis", and sailed home...**

## The ICI Project

- Finnish FORMIN decided to fund a Institutional co-operation project to assist NatMIRC in utilizing the new ship
- SYKE MRC to act as ICI partner with NatMIRC
- Mutually agreed areas of development: general procedures of r/v management, sampling processes onboard, methodology in different areas of oceanographic sampling, instrumentation, Quality Assurance systems .
- Also assistance/guidance in data management, remote sensing issues, bio-optics, alternative sampling methods and techniques, experimental designs

- A leap of several generations in r/v design, from 70'es to...

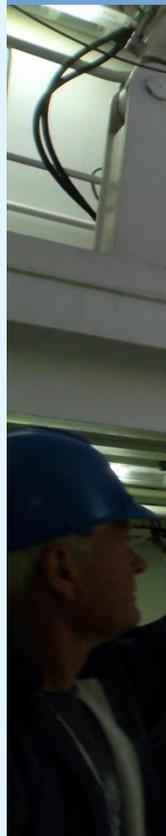


# ..21st Century!



# An incredible voyage for an Old Salty Dog:

- Discover an enthusiastic, young and ambitious country successfully managing one of the World's most important Marine Ecosystems, The Benguela Current
- Chance to be part of significant development in a few years – how a little help & advice here and there has resulted in a competent, sharp and efficient r/v operation
- With resources like Mirabilis, NatMIRC has every chance to become a center of excellence in Fisheries and Marine Research of the Benguela Current LME
- Project successful and appreciated by both parties, mutual wish for continuation – plans are brewing...



In search of knowledge from the Sea, Mirabilis will soar like an albatross, and swim like a seal for years to come!

