

# *South African court halts Shell Oil's offshore oil exploration plans*

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Pretoria, December 29 (RHC)-- A South African court has ordered Royal Dutch Shell to halt its plans to explore for oil in the pristine Wild Coast of eastern South Africa.

Under the order, Shell must immediately halt underwater seismic tests, which can devastate whales, dolphins, seals and other marine animals.

The court's ruling follows a massive campaign against offshore drilling led by South African environmental defenders.

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