



- The northeastern corner of South Africa falls within the subtropical belt of high pressure, making it 'dry', with abundance of sunshine. The climate conditions for the southwestern corner of the country is Mediterranean and temperate conditions occur in the interior plateau.
- The wide expanses of ocean on three sides of South Africa have a moderating influence on its climate.
- The warm Agulhas current sweeps down the east coast, transporting huge quantities of warm water and increasing air temperatures and humidity. Along the west coast, the cold Benguela Current opposes this effect by decreasing ambient temperatures and yielding rain.
- Coastal fog is common, but the inland weather conditions are desert-like, with daytime high temperatures and night time low temperatures.
- South Africa can be divided into 9 different climate zones:

