

## CONDOLENCES FROM THE COMORES

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The Comores Ambassador Itinerant, Mahamoud Soilih, came from the country's capital Moroni to deliver the condolences of his entire nation to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer.

He was one of the dignitaries, along with the entire Eastern Cape Cabinet, who attended her funeral here yesterday.

Courtenay-Latimer was an icon on the island who had led to "many more people understanding the coelacanth and its importance to the scientific world."

Courtenay-Latimer and her lifelong work with the coelacanth had led to the Comores being an important part of the world, not only to the international scientific community but also to ecological tourists worldwide.

Soilih said President Azali Assoumani had instructed him to attend the funeral and ensure that the condolences of the entire Comores was delivered.

"It is because of her that we have declared an area south of the Grand Comores a nature reserve dedicated to the coelacanth."