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Not for the fainthearted: personnel of the South African Whale Disentanglement Network (SAWDN) appear to risk a severe fluking as they intrepidly home in on an entangled humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*. There has been a substantial increase in the numbers of large whales reported to be entangled in material such as fishing gear in South African coastal waters since the late 1990s. Read more about this in the paper 'Trends and interventions in large whale entanglement along the South African coast' by Mike Meýer and co-authors, which appears in this issue and available at www.tandfonline.com/tams. (Photo: Chad Chapman)