



## Cameron Bellamy, Honor Swimmer, South Africa, 2020



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**Cameron Bellamy** completed 2 of the longest ever solo sea swims. 2018 Around Barbados: 90km in 40 hours and 46 minutes (he completed this swim two months after his first attempt was aborted after 66 km and 26 hours). This was ratified, as unassisted, by the Marathon Swimming Federation (MSF) and the Barbados Amateur Swimming Association. The MSF lists it (as of 24 September 2019) as the 13th longest current neutral swim of all time. 2019 Barbados to St. Lucia: 150 km in 56 hours and 26 minutes. This was ratified by the Barbados Amateur Swimming Association. He wore a non-buoyant stinger suit for 3 hours during the first night and less than 1 hour the second night during peak jellyfish periods.

He was the 11th swimmer to complete the oceans seven as follows: 2012 English Channel; 2015 Catalina Channel and Strait of Gibraltar; 2016 North Channel; 2017 Kaiwi Channel; and 2018 Tsugaru Channel and Cook Strait. Cameron was the 1<sup>st</sup> Honoree Swimmer from Africa (excluding Egypt).

Cameron was an accomplished marathoner in two other sports: He rowed 6,620 km in 2014 on a 6-person team setting two Guinness records as longest and fastest across the Indian Ocean from

Australia to Africa. He completed 3 cycling adventures – the longest 6,000 km solo and unassisted from Beijing to India along the Silk Road then down to the southern tip of India in 4 months.

His adventures, as of 2020 (and beyond) have raised more than US\$500,000 for the Ubunye Challenge (a charity he founded in 2011) which supports early childhood development in rural areas of the Eastern Cape in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and, more recently, the Caribbean.

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