



Applications are invited for a permanent position as

Aquarist 1

The South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR) is a marine conservation organisation based at uShaka Marine World in Durban. We have an exciting opportunity for a passionate and motivated individual to join our Curatorial team as an Aquarist 1. The successful candidate will assist with animal husbandry, exhibit maintenance and routine aquarium operations, while developing foundational skills and knowledge in aquatic animal care.

The responsibilities will include:

- Assist in ensuring that all animals in assigned areas are provided with appropriate and optimal husbandry care, including feed preparation and feeding of animals.
- Maintain exhibits, life support areas and behind-the-scenes facilities in a clean, organised and professional condition.
- Assist in animal / plant collections, transfers, and basic procedures as required.
- Participate in training and skills development programmes.
- Maintain accurate and timely record-keeping using the Species360 Zoological Information Management System (ZIMS) database and other operational records.
- Participate in conservation, animal welfare and environmental initiatives undertaken by SAAMBR and uShaka Sea World.
- Ensure compliance with all safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and operational standards.
- Work flexible hours, including weekends and public holidays, and participate in standby or after-hours duties where required.

The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Matric certificate or equivalent.
- Relevant tertiary qualification (Marine biology, Zoology, Aquaculture, or related field) will be advantageous.
- Experience in an aquarium or similar animal care environment will be advantageous.
- Competent swimmer.
- Class IV, V or VI Commercial Dive qualification will be advantageous.
- Computer literacy.
- Valid driver's license. (An EB license will be advantageous).
- A motivated individual with strong communication skills.
- Physically fit and able to perform manual and operational duties associated with the role.
- Willingness to receive required vaccinations due to occupational exposure risks.

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SAAMBR is a Non-Profit Company and a member of: IUCN (World Conservation Union) and WAZA (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums)

Accredited member of AAWHC (African Association for Wildlife in Human Care)

ORI is academically affiliated with the University of KwaZulu-Natal

Submit your Curriculum Vitae and letter of motivation by either:

- E-mail: recruitment@saambr.org.za
- Hand Delivery: The South African Association for Marine Biological Research 1 King Shaka Avenue, Durban

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 24 AUGUST 2026

Appointments will be made in line with SAAMBR's employment equity requirements. In line with the Protection of Personal Information Act, all personal information submitted as part of your application will be used solely for recruitment purposes and handled in a lawful, responsible, and confidential manner. SAAMBR reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Only potential short-list candidates will be contacted. Should you not have heard from us by **23 September 2026**, please consider your application unsuccessful.