



Applications are invited for the permanent position of

CURATOR: EDUCATION

The South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR) is seeking an experienced and passionate conservation education professional to lead its Education Department.

Reporting to the Chief Operations Officer, the successful candidate will provide strategic and operational leadership for one of South Africa's leading marine conservation education programmes, reaching more than 100 000 learners annually through onsite, outreach, community and environmental education initiatives.

The position is responsible for ensuring excellence in conservation education, visitor engagement, outreach programmes, stakeholder partnerships, staff development, programme evaluation and departmental sustainability while supporting SAAMBR's broader conservation, education and public engagement objectives.

The responsibilities will include:

- Lead and manage the Education Department.
- Develop and implement conservation education and engagement strategies.
- Oversee formal and informal education programmes.
- Drive innovation and continuous improvement in programme delivery.
- Manage departmental budgets, staffing and operational planning.
- Monitor programme effectiveness and conservation impact.
- Develop and maintain strategic partnerships and stakeholder relationships.
- Support institutional conservation communication initiatives.
- Represent SAAMBR and uShaka Sea World at conferences, workshops, stakeholder forums and public engagements.
- Contribute to organisational strategic planning and operational integration.

The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Relevant tertiary qualification, preferably at post-graduate level (Environmental Education, Conservation, Life Sciences, Communications or related field).
- Minimum 8–10 years' relevant experience in conservation education, environmental communication, visitor engagement or related fields.
- Minimum 3–5 years' management or leadership experience.
- Demonstrated experience in: strategic planning; programme development and evaluation; stakeholder engagement; staff leadership and development; budgeting and operational management.
- Strong understanding of: conservation education principles; behaviour change communication; marine and coastal conservation issues; environmental interpretation and visitor engagement.
- Excellent written, verbal and presentation skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.

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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

- Valid Code B Driver's Licence.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate

- Strategic and innovative thinking.
- Strong leadership and people management skills.
- Excellent stakeholder engagement and networking abilities.
- Sound organisational and project management capability.
- Strong communication and presentation skills.
- A passion for conservation, education and public engagement.
- A collaborative and solutions-driven approach.

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 15 JULY 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 **31 July 2026**, please consider your application unsuccessful.