



EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited for a permanent position of

Aquarium Diver

The South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR), based at uShaka Marine World in Durban, is seeking a suitably qualified Aquarium Diver to join the uShaka Sea World Curatorial department, a division of SAAMBR. The successful candidate will be required to perform diving-related tasks to support the delivery of daily animal husbandry and exhibit maintenance within the Curatorial Department at uShaka Sea World in compliance with applicable diving and occupational health and safety legislation.

The responsibilities will include:

- Conduct diving activities to ensure that aquarium exhibits are suitably cleaned, maintained and presented to the required standards.
- Provide appropriate animal husbandry, including feeding and routine care, to support the health and welfare of animals within the aquarium.
- Assist with animal collections, transfers and acquisitions as required.
- Provide operational and husbandry support to the uShaka Sea World Aquarium team.
- Provide general support to uShaka Sea World operations when not engaged in diving activities.

The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Matric certificate or equivalent.
- Class IV, V or VI Commercial Dive qualification is essential.
- Dive Supervisor qualification will be advantageous.
- Current and valid dive medical certificate, or the ability to successfully pass a dive medical assessment.
- Ability to successfully complete a swimming competency assessment.
- Physically fit and able to undertake extended periods of underwater work.
- Valid driver's licence.
- A genuine interest in and empathy for marine animals, with a strong commitment to animal welfare.
- Basic computer literacy.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated, reliable and willing to learn.
- Previous experience in animal care, aquariums or scientific diving will be advantageous.
- Willingness to work flexible and extended hours, including weekends and public holidays, as operationally required.

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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, letter of motivation and copies of your dive qualifications 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 12 OCTOBER 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 **12 November 2026**, please consider your application unsuccessful.