



Applications are invited for the permanent position of

SERVICE DIVER

The successful candidate will perform diving-related tasks and husbandry support under the supervision of the Dive Co-ordinator and senior animal care staff, in compliance with applicable diving and occupational health and safety legislation.

The responsibilities will include:

- Cleaning and maintenance of the mammals and bird pools.
- Cleaning and maintenance of the well points.
- Carry out support duties including animal care processes and hygiene maintenance.
- Performing other duties as required.

The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Grade 12 or equivalent qualification.
- Registered and in-date as a (minimum Class VI) commercial diver with the South African Department of Employment and Labour.
- Ability to pass a swim test assessment.
- Can read and write in the English language.
- Demonstrated interest in and empathy for marine animals
- Able to work in a team environment.
- Must be prepared to devote long hours to work underwater.
- Ability to pass a dive medical examination.
- Physically fit and capable of performing strenuous underwater work.

The following would stand applicants in good stead:

- Basic computer literacy.
- Valid in-date, dive medical certificate.
- In-date, First Aid level 1 certificate (diving related).
- Dive Supervisor qualification with First Aid Level 2.
- Experience in the field of animal care, welfare and presentation.
- Relevant tertiary qualification.
- Relevant experience.

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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

If you feel that you meet the requirements and would like to apply for this position, please submit your Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter to SAAMBR 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 7 MAY 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 **29 May 2026**, please consider your application unsuccessful.