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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POSITION OF ORI FIELD OFFICER

The Oceanographic Research Institute requires the services of a dynamic, self-motivated Field Officer of the highest calibre, to provide technical and logistic support for its various research activities, both in the field, the laboratory and at the Institute.

Responsibilities include:

- The planning and execution of field activities in collaboration with lead scientists, specifically the preparation and handling of equipment such as boats; sampling, fishing and diving gear; and scientific instruments. This will include activities such as acquiring permits, and arranging accommodation and catering in the field.
- Pre- and post-field trip servicing of field equipment, maintenance and servicing of such equipment, and storage of gear.
- Health and safety, including risk assessment and associated safety procedures; in the field and at the Institute.
- Assisting with the collection and recording of scientific measurements, including physical data and biological information, according to proper scientific procedures and protocols.
- Occasional interaction with the public, including census-taking and interviews with stakeholders.
- Assistance with record keeping, data capture and data processing.
- Occasional assistance with the sorting of biological material and the preparation of selected specimens for laboratory analysis.
- Other tasks relating to ORI's research activities as may be specified by the ORI Director from time to time.

The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Essential requirements include ski-boat handling (SAMSA Class C open surf launch skipper), commercial diving (at least Class 4 Supervisor), and a valid driver's licence (at least a Code EB) with appropriate surf launch, diving and trailering experience. A Ports licence will be an advantage.
- A BTech or BSc in the biological sciences, or equivalent relevant qualification.
- Demonstrable capacity to adhere strictly to safety regulations and to contribute to the overall safety and security of field operations.
- Demonstrable capacity to multi-task and manage time between multiple projects and activities.
- Demonstrable capacity to undertake basic scientific techniques, data recording and management procedures and familiarity with the marine environment and its organisms.
- Capacity to spend time away from Durban in the field, either along the coast or at sea. Circumstances of these trips are not always comfortable and may include travel to other countries.
- A good command of English with reasonable communication & writing skills is a necessity.

If you have the requirements and would like to apply for this position, submit your Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter of motivation to the Oceanographic Research Institute, by either:

- e-mail: fchetty@saambr.org.za
- Hand delivery: F. Chetty, Personnel Officer, South African Association for Marine Biological Research, 1 King Shaka Avenue, Point, Durban, KZN

CLOSING DATE: 1 MARCH 2019

Should you not have heard from us by **15 MARCH 2019**, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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