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MSc opportunity: Studying recreational invertebrate fisheries in coastal KZN

An MSc opportunity is available for a postgraduate student at the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) in Durban, to study recreational fisheries for invertebrates (mussels, oysters, prawns, crabs, lobsters) in KwaZulu-Natal. The project will start early in 2020 and will form part of an existing long-term research programme. The successful applicant will join an established research group at ORI and will undertake a project to collect and analyse recreational fisheries data. Tasks will include beach patrols to interview fishermen, popularizing online catch diaries, and comparing trends in fishing effort and catches of selected species.

Applicants should have a BSc (Hons) in biological or environmental sciences. The successful applicant will have a strong academic record and be willing to work independently but also as a part of a larger team. The possession of a valid code B driver's licence is vital. The applicant will be based at ORI in Durban and will register for an MSc degree at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The MSc opportunity is open to South African citizens only.

Interested applicants should submit (1) a cover letter, detailing your relevant experience and research interests, as well as your interest in this project, (2) your latest academic transcript, (3) CV with the names of two references, (4) and a copy of your identification document/card to Ms Erika Steyn (erika@ori.org.za) and Prof. Johan Groeneveld (jgroeneveld@ori.org.za).

The project will start in early 2020.

Should you have not been contacted within a month of submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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ORI is academically affiliated to the University of KwaZulu-Natal

