

## GlobalSeaweedSTAR Travel Fund

### Completion Report

#### Awardee Details

<b>Grant reference ID</b>	GSS/TF/059
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<b>Position held</b>	PhD Candidate
<b>Organisation</b>	University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus, South Africa



#### Details of Travel Activity

<b>Name of activity</b>	The 4th Daniel Jouvance-SU International Marine Biology School at the University of Namibia, Henties Bay, Namibia
<b>Date held</b>	26th Jan-1st Feb, 2020
<b>Personal contribution</b>	Oral Presentation

#### Report on Travel Activity

The funding requested was to enable me to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> International School in Marine Biology that was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at the Sam Nujoma Campus, University of Namibia, Henties Bay Namibia.

It was a summer school targeting MSc and Ph. D students to highlight the latest advances in Marine Biology in the Southern Africa region.

The objectives and the program of the school were relevant to *GlobalSeaweedSTAR* goals in that the school ran seminars on current issues in Marine Biology with special emphasis on seaweeds of the West Coast of Southern Africa.

The school incorporated intensive lectures on algal cultivation and use in Southern Africa, marine biotechnology and the use of novel approaches such as genomics and bioinformatics in seaweed research.

By attending the school, I gained a lot of knowledge on the current seaweed research, cultivation, use and practical skills on the use of molecular and bioinformatics in seaweed research.

The school enabled me to develop research networks and useful with other likeminded researchers.

I intend to put the acquired skills into use in current and future research projects.