

GlobalSeaweedSTAR Travel Fund Completion Report

Awardee Details

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Details of Travel Activity

Name of activity	4th Daniel Jouvance - SU International Marine Biology School
Date held	January 26 th – February 1 st , 2020
Personal contribution	Oral presentation to participants and organisers of the marine biology school

Report on Travel Activity

The marine biology school aimed to have likeminded young researchers come together to learn from lecturers around Africa as well as from the Daniel Jouvance foundation about practices, applications and different fields of marine science. It was a successful networking event and having the opportunity to present my masters work to a group of people from different countries and insights was very beneficial. Collaborations are essential in research and I really felt that this workshop has opened new doors for me as a marine biologist. The oral speed presentation I gave was a summary of my current masters study which looks at the comparison between an artificial

structure and a natural habitat (seagrass beds). The school also allowed me to ask questions from people who sit at the top of their respective fields. I am grateful to the GlobalSeaweedSTAR grant for their support in this venture.