

## MSc candidate in Biological Sciences

UCT<sup>1</sup>

*Genome-size effects on plant hydraulic ecophysiology, habitat & phenology in Cape schoenoid sedges*

Principal supervisor: Prof A.M. Muasya. Co-supervisors: A/Prof G.A. Verboom & A/Prof A.G. West

## BSc Hons in Biological Sciences *With distinction*

UCT 2017

*Relating vascular plant species richness & environmental heterogeneity spatially in the GCFR & SWAFR*

Supervisors: Prof M.D. Cramer & A/Prof G.A. Verboom

## BSc in Ecology & Evolution, Applied Biology *With distinction in both majors & the degree*

UCT 2016

## Publications

**Van Mazijk**, Cramer, & Verboom. 2021. Environmental heterogeneity explains contrasting plant species richness between the South African Cape and southwestern Australia. *J. Biogeogr.* 48:1875–1888. DOI: 10.1111/jbi.14118.

Elliott, **van Mazijk**, Barrett, Bruhl, Joly, Muthaphuli, Wilson, & Muasya. 2021. Global dispersal and diversification of the genus *Schoenus* (Cyperaceae) from the Western Australian biodiversity hotspot. *J. Syst. & Evol.* 59(4):791–808. DOI: 10.1111/jse.12742

Elliott, Laidler, Muasya, Muthaphuli & **van Mazijk**. 2019. Solving the sedge mystery. *Veld & Flora* 105(3):20–25. (Popular article)

Cramer, Wootton, **van Mazijk** & Verboom. 2019. New regionally-modelled soil layers improve prediction of vegetation type relative to that based on global soil models. *Divers. Distrib.* 25(11):1736–1750. DOI: 10.1111/ddi.12973.

**Van Mazijk**, Smyth, Weideman & West. 2018. Isotopic tracing of stormwater in the urban Liesbeek River. *Water SA* 44(4):674–679. DOI: 10.4314/wsa.v44i4.16.

## Funding, awards & conferences

Student sponsorship to attend MEDECOS (NRF <sup>2</sup> )	2022
Presented at IBS <sup>3</sup> ECBC <sup>4</sup>	2021
Candidate at iDiv <sup>5</sup> Joint Recruitment Symposium	2020
Best Systematics MSc Presentation at SAAB <sup>6</sup> -AMA <sup>7</sup> -SASSB <sup>8</sup> (tie)	2019
Innovation Masters Schol. (NRF)	2019
MSc Student Bursary (SAAB)	2018–2019
Once-Off Award (UCT)	2018
Travel grant for SAAB-AMA-SASSB (UCT)	2018
Dorothy Cameron Schol. (UCT)	2018
Masters Research Schol. (UCT)	2018
Innovation Honours Schol. (NRF)	2017
Honours Schol. (SAAB)	2017
Science Faculty Schol. (UCT)	2015–2016

## Teaching assistance *All for undergrad. unless stated*

Angiosperm diversity	2018–2019, 2022
Data wrangling & manipulation in R (Organised & lead workshop)	2019
Principles of ecology & evolution	2019–2020
Scientific study design & data analysis in R	2017–2020
Teaching Biodiversity for High School Life Science Teachers (SDU <sup>9</sup> short course)	2019
Stat. modelling in R (SEEC <sup>10</sup> -ACCESS <sup>11</sup> short course)	2018
Intro. statistics in R	2016–2018

## Professional affiliations

SASSB council member, student representative	2019–
SASSB student member	2018–
SAAB student member	2017–

## Research assistance

<i>Schoenus</i> spp. (Cyperaceae: Schoeneae) collections & growth for Dr T.L. Elliott & Prof A.M. Muasya (UCT)	2018
<i>Mimetes</i> spp. & <i>Leucospermum</i> spp. (Proteaceae) population monitoring for Dr J.A. Slingsby (SAEON <sup>12</sup> , SEEC)	2017
Legume symbiotic rhizobia collections & culturing for Dr M. Dlodlu (University of Swaziland)	2015

## References *All from the Dept. Biological Sciences (UCT)*

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## Skills & misc.

Skills	Strong public speaker, visual design, teaching
Languages	English, Afrikaans, R, bash
Tools	R Markdown, LaTeX, git, GitHub, MS Office
Methods	Stat. modelling, data manipulation, GIS (in R)

<sup>1</sup>University of Cape Town

<sup>2</sup>National Research Foundation (South Africa)

<sup>3</sup>International Biogeography Society

<sup>4</sup>Early Career Biogeographers Conference

<sup>5</sup>German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research, Halle-Jena-Leipzig

<sup>6</sup>South African Association of Botanists

<sup>7</sup>African Mycological Association

<sup>8</sup>Southern African Society for Systematic Biology

<sup>9</sup>UCT Schools Development Unit

<sup>10</sup>UCT Centre for Statistics in Ecology, the Environment & Conservation

<sup>11</sup>NRF Applied Centre for Climate & Earth Systems

<sup>12</sup>South African Environmental Observation Network