

**Education****MSc candidate in Biological Sciences** Cape Town

2018–present

Dissertation title:

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

Principle supervisor: A/Prof A.M. Muasya.

Co-supervisors: A/Prof G.A. Verboom &amp; A/Prof A.G. West

**BSc Hons in Biological Sciences** Cape Town

2017

Graduated with distinction.

Dissertation title:

*Relating vascular plant species richness & environmental heterogeneity across spatial scales in the GCFR & SWAFR*

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

**Publications**

- Elliott, T.L., Laidler, G., Muasya, A.M., Muthaphuli, N. & **van Mazijk, R.** (In review). Foregrounding sedges: bringing the neglected Cape Schoenoid sedges to the forefront of genomic research. *Veld & Flora*.
- Cramer, M.D., Wootton, L.M., **van Mazijk, R.** & Verboom, G.A. (In review). Improved spatial soil data confirms dependence of vegetation distribution on edaphic properties in the Cape biodiversity hotspot. *Diversity & Distributions*.
- **Van Mazijk, R.**, Cramer, M.D. & Verboom, G.A. (In prep.). The role of environmental heterogeneity in determining plant species richness in the Greater Cape Floristic Region & the Southwest Australia Floristic Region. *Journal of Biogeography*.
- **Van Mazijk, R.**, Smyth, L.K., Weideman, E.A. & West, A.G. (2018). Isotopic tracing of stormwater in the urban Liesbeek River. *Water SA*, 44(4):674–679. DOI: 10.4314/wsa.v44i4.16.

**Professional affiliations**

- Council member, Student Representative, Southern African Society for Systematic Biology (SASSB) 2019–present
- Student member, South African Association of Botanists (SAAB) 2017–present

**Funding & awards**

- SASSB Best MSc Presentation (3-way tie), at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual SAAB, AMA & SASSB Joint Congress January 2019
- DST-NRF Innovation Masters Scholarship (R90,000) 2019
- SAAB MSc Student Bursary (inaugural recipient) (R20,000) 2018, 2019
- UCT Once-Off Top Up Award (R5,520) 2018
- UCT Conference Travel Grant to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual SAAB, AMA & SASSB Joint Congress, 2019 (R3,819) 2018
- UCT Dept. Biological Sciences Dorothy Cameron Scholarship (R20,000) 2018
- UCT Masters Research Scholarship (R30,000) 2018
- DST-NRF Innovation Honours Scholarship (R60,000) 2017
- SAAB Honours Scholarship (R10,000) 2017
- UCT Science Faculty Scholarship (R15,000 p.a.) 2015, 2016

**Teaching experience**

- Teaching & field assistant for 2<sup>nd</sup> year ecology & evolution February 2019–present
- Teaching assistant for second year angiosperm diversity practicals 2018–present
- Tutor for 2<sup>nd</sup> year study design & data analysis for scientists 2017–present
- Assistant tutor for short course *SEEC-ACCESS Introduction to statistical modelling & data analysis* 18–20 July 2018
- Assistant tutor for 1<sup>st</sup> year R practicals 2016–present

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