



Communication from the NSCF Hub

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Dear NSCF community,

We are happy to announce that the Hub Team is growing and we have become three new staff members richer from the 1st of August.

Please join us in welcoming:



Ms Usisipho Sotshangane - *NSCF Administration Officer*

Usisipho previously worked at the National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA) as an administrative assistant intern.



Ms Given Leballo—*Data Technician*

Given previously worked as a georeferencer on the Karoo BioGaps project.



Ms Ketelo Dinala—*Data Technician*

Ketelo previously worked as a Wetland Mapper Intern contributing towards work linked to the National Biodiversity Assessment 2018.

First Quarter Report Outputs:

13 of the NSCF partner institutions submitted online reports for the first quarter of 2018/19. Thank you to each of you for making it possible for the NSCF to demonstrate the importance and relevance of the collections.

Orphan collections: Number of specimens incorporated	1,761
New specimens accessioned	9,069
Number of DNA samples added	827
Number of tissue samples added	199
Number of DNA samples supplied for research purposes	328
Data provided to external users: number requests	137
Data provided to external users: number of records	69,579
Number of specimens imaged	3,437
Number of specimens sent out on loan for research purposes	5,699
Number of visitors using collection (national)	319
Number of visitors using collection (international)	94
Number of new species described	38
Number of papers published based on collection	149
Number of specimens identified: external stakeholders	2,854
Number of outreach activities held that involve natural science collections	237
Number of attendees / learners exposed to the activity	3,975

Totals of outputs reported by NSCF partner institutions for the period 1 April to 30 June 2018



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