

RANGER PORTRAIT

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Main duties:

- monitoring wildlife (e. g. capercaillies, flying squirrels)
- working with volunteers and prisoners for reintegration
- maintenance work

Why is your work important to you?

I think the most important to me is the place that I love, this area I grew up in, and using my strength to do something for its nature.

What is your biggest motivator even when it's hard working out there?

I just smile when I am out. There are so many things you can see in nature, every day new wonders. Especially when I see how it affects others and how kids are excited to learn new things. You can show things you have seen so many times to new people and see that they are really amazed by nature. Nature itself is motivating.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

All these encounters with wild animals are very special, like magical moments. Once I saw two lynx at the same time in the forest. I know that there are not so many people who have ever seen a lynx at all. I saw lynxes many times, but only once two at the same time.



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