

# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- environmental education
- law enforcement and patrols concerning illegal construction and poaching
- fighting wildfires

## Why is your work important to you?

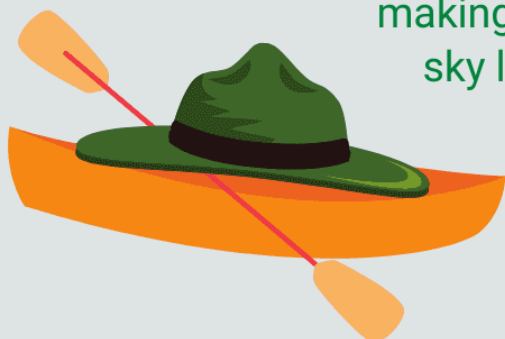
Because it is the most direct way to give back something to nature.

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

Being a ranger is something I can see my children being proud of. Somebody who is spending all the time in nature in their eyes – for me as a kid that was a dream job. And that's where I always come back to.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

Sometimes we spend a whole night in a boat looking for poachers. The moment before sunrise your senses are completely tuned to the silence around. Then, when the sun comes out, all the bugs and birds start making noise. You hear nature waking up under a sky like in the movies, absolutely no artificial light: In those moments you really feel something special is happening.



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