

RANGER PORTRAIT

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Main duties:

- environmental education
- monitoring wildlife
- law enforcement and patrols concerning illegal logging & dumping

Why is your work important to you?

First, I like it. And I believe that what I have done in my work and through volunteering for the Romanian Ranger Association has had a great impact on ranger education and networking..

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

After 20 years as a ranger, I can't do anything else. Even if I get tired of it sometimes, I do it again the next day. Every day I do something useful for my colleagues and also for society. By doing something good, I am motivated to never give up.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

I was lucky to survive and meet great guys who helped me find my way. But last spring I had a group of seven-year-olds. Half an hour on the trail, a roe deer calf crossed. The kids were very excited to see it. Seeing that my work brings them so much joy, has made me very happy.

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