

RANGER PORTRAIT

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Main duties:

- assisting law enforcement and patrols concerning illegal dumping and poaching
- following up on court cases against environmental crimes
- environmental education

Why is your work important to you?

I want my kids to grow up in a world where offenders don't get away with environmental crimes. As a ranger I can make a difference.

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

To communicate with the offenders, especially if they stop committing environmental crimes later. Some even told me that we have opened their eyes to the wrong they have done. That is the real beauty of this job: changing people for the better.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

We were doing a beach patrol, when we heard youngsters screaming and dragging a friend out of the sea. She drank too much and nearly drowned. I provided first aid and called the ambulance. She had no pulse.

But when she came back to life, I felt that being a ranger is so much more: not only about nature, but also having an eye on people in it.



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