

# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- environmental education
- monitoring compliance with national park rules
- visitor information

## Why is your work important to you?

It is very important to me to show people the beauty and species worth protecting in our national park and the background to its creation.

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

For me, it's not actually work when I do a guided tour. It's often like going on a hike with friends and just showing them the beauty of nature.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

I was able to watch an otter hunting in the Thaya for a long time. Fortunately, it suddenly stood a metre in front of me. Again and again I experience animal encounters when I'm out and about on my own. And every time it's just great.



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