



# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- wildlife & habitat monitoring
- community engagement
- patrolling
- anti-poaching

## Why is your work important to you?

Working in nature gives me a sense of freedom and harmony, because in nature all life's problems fade away. Meetings with wild fauna fill me with pride, because I know that my work helps to keep them calm and safe.

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

Even in the most difficult moments, it is enough to see wild animals living in peace in the reserve or how nature is being restored thanks to our efforts – and this gives you the strength to move on.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

One of the luckiest moments was the day of 24 April 2021. During one of my patrols, I was ambushed by poachers and survived an attempt on my life. I was shot twice but survived, and although the police never found the perpetrators, the incident only strengthened my determination to continue protecting nature.



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