

# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- working with bison
- environmental education
- monitoring species, especially birds nesting on riverbank
- surveillance and anti-poaching

## Why is your work important to you?

I love working in nature and protecting it. And I love working with people and discussing with locals, such as farmers, about how to work in nature without disturbing its natural inhabitants.

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

It's highly motivating for me not to have two similar days in one week. One day is bison day, the other I go with the police to the field looking for poachers, and on the third day I visit school classes to connect them with nature.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

The best moments are when I see very rare birds nesting, such as the black stork. There was a nest that I had been searching for years. When I found it and waited for hours, the sun was already setting, the stork at last came to the nest. I finally found him! I think he had just arrived from Africa at that moment.



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