

RANGER PORTRAIT

**Tristan Calistri, Ranger in
in the protected areas of Colle Noire and
the Giens peninsula, France**

Main duties:

- Oversee compliance with conservation rules
- monitoring species & habitats
- environmental education

Why is your work important to you?

As I grew up here, the ranger job is a way to make sure that my native region will stay this way for the next generation and spread the word that its natural areas are fragile and at risk, with species growing here that we need to take care of.

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

Just to be around in such untouched areas is motivation every time anew. During extracting invasive species, I love to stop at some point from time to time, look around and see how wild and rough nature is with all the cliffs of the peninsula.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

Just the other morning, we were showing school kids what erosion means and how we try to hold it back. Explaining the word erosion, I thought it might be too complicated for 8 year old children. But on our way back on a sandy trail, as some kids were going here and there, one said "Hey, stop, you are causing erosion!" And I just thought: Wow, the job is done!

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