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“I LOVE WORKING WHERE I WORK AND LOVE DOING WHAT I DO.”

## DO I FIT THE PROFILE?

LOVE OF OUTDOORS



CURIOUS



PATIENCE



ATTENTION TO DETAIL



COMPUTER SKILLS



## WHAT PART OF THIS CAREER DO YOU PERSONALLY FIND MOST SATISFYING?

Publishing scientific articles. It makes me feel like I made a difference, however small. I get excited every time I publish – it is so rewarding seeing your name on a paper you know you worked hard on.

## ADVICE



IT TOOK ME 9 YEARS FROM WHEN I STARTED TO STUDY UNTIL THE DAY I COMPLETED MY PHD. SO BE PATIENT, IT IS VERY REWARDING.

“BEING A FEMALE IN ACADEMICS, IS CHALLENGING”

## MY STORY

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATH?

Starting from a conservation background, I realised that I had a bigger interest in working with the communication of the sciences than directly in the field.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE FIELD IN TERMS OF NEW AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES?

Luckily science and research have to continue, so that will always be happening. Getting into academics as a young person, and staying there is a little more tough.

Senior academics do not retire, so you have to make yourself noticed.