

# Stimmen aus der Welt

**Ranger: Dode Heim Myline Houehounha**

**Location: Benin, Africa**

**My favourite part of the job:**

“The best part of being a Ranger is seeing animals in the wild, camping in the bush, interacting with local communities and have the feeling of protecting our natural capital for the future generation. It’s amazing to be able to take care of communities’ livelihoods and protect wildlife and their habitat.”

**The biggest challenges:**

“Seeing Rangers injured or attacked by poachers when protecting our common natural heritage is terrible. The loss of life is the worst. Most of the Rangers are working hard, but insignificantly paid compared to the amount of risks they encounter every single minute to save wildlife and wildlands for humanity – without any life insurance. It is a daily high risk for those heroes of nature.”

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

“Equip our Rangers with appropriate materials, build their technical capacities and encourage our government and institution to fully support the rangers.”

“We are doing the best job ever in this world. Let us keep the commitment and one day – very soon – the world will stand up and say, “they are so incredible and without their commitment the world would have lost its natural capital.”



**Ranger: Erdenetuya Chulcem**

**Location: Mongolia, Asia**

**My favourite part of the job:**

“My favourite part of the job is taking photos of the many birds that visit the lake and talking with and educating students about the natural environment. Looking back, I’m proud of the work I’ve done to keep the Ugii Lake area clean and free from illegal hunting that took place in the past.”

**The biggest challenges:**

“The long patrols that keep me away from the children and family for many days at a time are sometimes difficult, as well as having to travel in sub-zero temperatures by motorcycle on the wintertime patrols. Meeting with people who can be quite rude to park staff can be a challenge as well, but is part of the job. And lastly, seeing the countryside in drought due to no rain or snow, drying the grasses and making it difficult for wildlife.”

The job would be easier if the public had a better attitude toward the environment and wildlife protection and treated the natural environment better.”

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

“We always need ongoing training and exchanges between Rangers and to always educate myself to build my knowledge to do the job better. This is important because we deal with the public all the time I have to have a good attitude, build my experience and knowledge. Ongoing training gives me the confidence and knowledge to do this work.”

On behalf of all Mongolian rangers, I want to give a big greeting to Rangers worldwide who are doing their job with their heart and protecting the environment for the future. I congratulate them on their honourable work.”

**Ranger: Hrafnhildur Ævarsdóttir**

**Location: Iceland**

**My favourite part of the job:**

“Being a park Ranger gives me a unique opportunity to work and live in a paradise, with the stunning wilderness in my backyard.”

**The biggest challenges:**

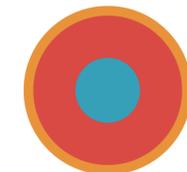
“It can be heart-breaking to see nature slowly deteriorate when number of tourists are too high for us rangers to maintain the areas properly.”

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

“I am a proud Ranger. Becoming a Ranger was one of the best decisions that I have ever made in my life. I’ve come to know numerous great people and made good friends during my time as a Ranger and eventually ended up travelling the world, visiting protected areas and National Parks in different countries.”



**Müritz-  
Nationalpark**



**Ranger: Remmy Papae**

**Location: Solomon Islands**

**My favourite part of the job:**

“Travelling inter-island to check and do monitoring could be a tiring job, but I like it because this is where we get to know each Ranger better, aware of their situation, hear their concern, making connection, friendship and telling stories when sitting around fire warming ourselves in the cool breeze.”

**The biggest challenges:**

“Sacrifice with your own will to protect nature is hardest thing about being a Ranger. Many of our Rangers are not well paid, low qualification and understood by different local people that have different perspectives towards the work we are doing. Sometimes you are alone, work independently with limited supervision or availability of limited resources. We lack monitoring equipment and go overtime, restless at night when patrolling the MPA or Forest reserve area. This is what I call sacrifice with your own will. But we always like to be an example every day in our own life, family, kids and other community members around us.”

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

“I would like to thank you everyone who keep working extra hard around the world saving the planet earth that we all share and live it. Thank you for your hard work. My sincere sympathy to those who lost their loved ones this year 2018, words cannot explain how deep these loved ones concern for the planet to be a safe place for all of us. You left good family behind and you made us all proud. For all Rangers across the world keep doing the great work that you have done. We all are champions for the better planet. I humbly salute you all. Happy World Ranger Day.”



**Ranger: Imran Paddy**

**Location: East Kimberley, Australia**

**My favourite part of the job:**

Fire management. We go out and burn the land, protecting areas from big fires and regenerating areas which provides food sources for wildlife. Looking after land as old people did. Our fire operations allows us to employ Kija people to work on their traditional areas. It's hard work, but is also fun and rewarding to complete properly.

**The biggest challenges:**

Right now, funding cuts have been really hard with my group. We have gone from seven to just two rangers, including myself, in the last six months. We can't do the amount of work we were doing in the past.

A new ute would be great for my group. We've had the same Troopys (Troop Carriers) for some time, which are really worn out and not particularly functional for loading and transporting work gear.

More rangers would make everyone's job easier and we'd be more productive.

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

Without Rangers there'd be no country, no wildlife. Rangers are as important as the President of the United States!



**Ranger: Tatiana Espinosa Quiñones**

**Location: Peru, South America**

**My favourite part of the job:**

“The moments of the day when I breathe deeply and I feel that I am part of the whole, when I can forget my worries and I remember that the work of conserving the forest is reciprocal since the trees are my protectors in this wonderful place.”

**The biggest challenges:**

“The risk that comes with knowing that the activities that take place in the surroundings are harmful to the ecosystem and are contrary to our work. There are illegal loggers, hunters, gold mining, land invaders for monocultures, among other latent threats. Another difficulty is the scarce work equipment, we have only the indispensable that we can afford.”

**My message on World Ranger Day:**

“We protect and take care of LIFE and we do it with the heart. Today, more than ever, Mother Earth needs us.”

