

## CHOOSING A CAREER PATH

One of the most important decisions you will make is your choice of a career. This decision is important because our world is constantly changing. The better prepared you are, the greater your chances for success. To choose a conservation career that fits your goals, dreams, and expectations you will need to ask yourself: What kind of conservation career have I always wanted? Why? Find out what it is you love to do, and then find out what kind of jobs and careers are available in the field of conservation.



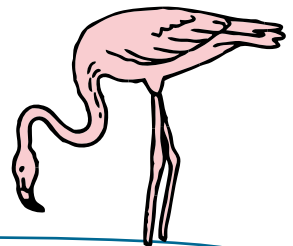
### Envisage your ideal conservation job

**1. Describe your ideal conservation job. Do not rule out any options because you think it's impossible or impractical.**

**2. Now list the characteristics of that job that make it appealing to you. What it is about that kind of work that appeals most to you. Be very specific.**

#### Ask yourself the following questions:

- What activities make me feel good about myself?
- What gets me excited?
- What did I want to be when I was young?
- Why did this interest me?
- Which interests have stayed with me for a long time?
- Which activities make me feel confident?



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**3. Now you're ready to start thinking about two to three possible career paths. Research the demand for these careers over a period of five to ten years and list them below. You may find our conservation career videos and fact sheets useful.**

