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?
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.