



Die acht Frauen des Teams schützen Elefanten, Löwen, Giraffen, Geparde und andere Tiere des Wildparks gegen Wilderer. Manchmal müssen sie sich von der gefährlichen Arbeit ausruhen. Foto: Georgina Smith/vivinoAaf



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Bavarian Forest National Parks Rangers



Rangers and their Jobs – around the world

- Patrol (protection of Biodiversity and protected areas)
- Visitor Information
- Environmental Education
- Monitoring
- First Aid



- Daily, 7 days per week
- Summer and winter hours (8,5 – 7,5 h)
- Patrolling at sunrise and sunset
- Oldest NLP = high variety of themes and experiences
- Timeline of the nature development brings unique natural scenes – large amount of „information work“
- Increasing amount of specialist tours
- Not only at nice weather



Ranger Jurisdiction

- After special Training-Courses (Nature Conservation Academy) the Rangers have the rights and duties of the Police
- The basis are the Forest and Nature Conservation Laws of Bavaria



A quiet morning... really?



Offences per year

- More than 40.000 Visitor Contacts
- Approx. 2.800 warnings
- Approx. 160 reports to the police (illegal parking)
- 5 to 20 reports to local council for...
 - Illegal hiking & camping
 - camp-fire
 - Garbage



Effect of the pandemic



2020:

250 reports!!

Monitoring



Litter collection together with Junior Rangers





- Junior Ranger camps and trainings
- Guided Tours for locals
- Outdoor information desks for the „Unknown visitor“ (research results and projects in easy words)

Training and Integration of Volunteers



We are not alone... we work together with...



- Ranger Colleagues and friends from Sumava National Park
- Volunteers (here from Finland – middle)
- Junior Rangers

Rangers in large Landscape Protection Areas or Naturparks

- High Level of Responsibility
- Very low staff density (nearly impossible without Volunteer Rangers)
- All-round geniuses
- Less contacts to administrations
- High standard of training required, especially in the case of communication
- But also in self protection

