

Conservation careers

20 mins

Guides

About this activity

Learn about careers in marine conservation. You might be surprised by the different ways people work to protect the ocean and life within it.

Outcomes:

- Identify personal strengths, weaknesses and goals
- Learn about jobs in the conservation sector

You will need:

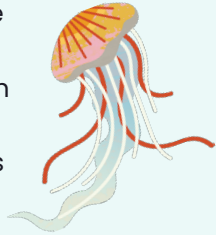
- [Who am I? worksheet](#)
- [Conservation careers game board](#) and set of [job cards](#) for pairs or groups
- [Conservation careers profile worksheets](#)

Note: If you have access to a laminator, you could laminate the boards and cards for future games.

Conservation careers

Marine conservation involves protecting or improving the marine environment.

Thousands of people around the world are working towards a cleaner, better-protected and healthier ocean that's full of life. The marine conservation sector is growing as people realise the importance of the ocean to the future health of our planet, and the number and types of jobs are increasing.



Part 1

Who are you?

1. What are you good at and what do you enjoy?
2. Think about your strengths, weaknesses, values and goals. You could use the [Who am I? sheet](#) to note your answers. You might find it helpful to complete this exercise in pairs or small groups because sometimes other people can see things in us that we can't.

Part 2

Match maker

1. In pairs or small groups, play the [Conservation careers game](#). Can you match the job title to the job description?
2. Once you've matched all the jobs to the descriptions, talk about the roles. Are you surprised by any of these jobs? Do any of these jobs match your skills or interests?

Part 3

Take it further

You could research conservation careers opportunities at home.

Check out our website for some career profiles of our team:

<https://www.mcsuk.org/work-for-us/meet-the-people-in-the-jobs/>

The Scottish Seabird Centre has written profiles on a range of marine jobs:

<https://www.seabird.org/uploads/store/mediaupload/713/file/SSC%20Dive%20In!%20-%20Marine%20Careers-Final.pdf>

You can find interesting stories of women in conservation at:

<https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2021/03/08/celebrating-women-ocean-conservation-science/>

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/empowering-women-to-protect-our-oceans>

Who am I? worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What are your strengths? *Think about what you're good at*

2. What do you dislike? *Think about tasks, subjects, ways of working you don't enjoy*

3. What are your interests, goals, passions and dreams?

Conservation careers job descriptions

I help marine animals in danger

I tell people about the problems animals face and how they can help

I help people take action to help the ocean emergency

I help people experience the marine environment

I teach people about animals and nature

I raise money to help save nature

I make films and tell stories about nature and the problems it faces

I persuade governments to change laws

I protect animals and the places they live

I study the behavior of marine animals

I farm in the sea and water

I carry out research

Conservation careers job cards

Cut out these cards and match up the job to the correct description

**Education
Officer**



**Marine Animal
Conservation
Officer**



Filmmaker



**Marketing
Officer**



**Scuba
Instructor**



**Marine
Research
Officer**



**Community
Volunteer
Manager**



**Conservation
Warden**



**Campaigns
Officer**



**Fundraising
Officer**



**Marine
Biologist**



Aquaculturist



Conservation careers game answers

I help marine animals in danger

Marine Animal Conservation Officer

I tell people about the problems animals face and how they can help

Marketing Officer

I help people take action to help the ocean emergency

Community Volunteer Manager

I help people experience the marine environment

Scuba Instructor

I teach people about animals and nature

Education Officer

I raise money to help save nature

Fundraising Officer

I make films and tell stories about nature and the problems it faces

Filmmaker

I persuade governments to change laws

Campaigns Officer

I protect animals and the places they live

Conservation Warden

I study the behavior of marine animals

Marine Biologist

I farm in the sea and water

Aquaculturist

I carry out research

Marine Research Officer