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Many of our seabirds and coastal water birds are not doing well. My role is to make a contribution and help resolve this, providing future generations with the chance to enjoy marine wildlife as much as I do.

My job is challenging but rewarding, and I work with a wide range of internal and external colleagues. I advise on the impact of construction and infrastructure projects on birds, discuss evidence, meet developers and consultants, and work with national teams to develop Natural England's wider position on different issues.

There's a lot of variety, and I also deal with protected sites, seabird monitoring, advice to government, engagement with other conservation organisations, and evidence projects. The best thing about my job is developing and applying my specialist knowledge of marine ornithology to real-life situations with the aim of protecting and enhancing nature.