



## The International Day of Women in Science

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Like many of us in this sector, I first became interested in protecting the marine environment when I was young – I fell in love with the ocean and all the fascinating creatures that call it home. I threw myself into learning everything I could about our underwater world, and how we can better protect it, leading to my MSc in Marine Environmental Management and ultimately my role now with Fisheries Management Scotland.

As Aquaculture Interactions Manager, my job is diverse in supporting our members at Fisheries Management Scotland, who look after our native wild fish stocks, and liaising with the fish farming sector, regulators and other stakeholders to facilitate a better understanding of the issues faced by wild fish. The wild fish sector and our approach to fisheries management is based on robust scientific evidence, and there is room for all to join in our efforts to preserve our wild fish populations for generations to come. Protecting our wild salmon and sea trout populations for future generations is not an easy task, but we hope to inspire more women to get involved, and to take on leadership positions within our sector.

My everyday role involves engaging with a large number of organisations and stakeholders from all walks of life. Although the number of women in the room still doesn't match the number of men, I take every opportunity that I can to work alongside other respected 'Women in Science', to learn from them and to support them in taking fisheries management to the next level.

[Find out more](#) about the work that Charlotte's involved in with aquaculture.