



The International Day of Women in Science

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I work for the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative through the Findhorn Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust. My role is project officer for invasive non-native species control within the catchments of the rivers looked after by the Trust and involves the practical management of plant species such as giant hogweed and animal species such as American mink; spreading awareness of biosecurity issues; and engaging with landowners and local communities. Its a very varied role, especially during the summer when the invasive plant control season is in full swing, and offers a great mix of fieldwork, working with volunteers, and attending events to raise awareness of our work.

I started out as a volunteer, then worked in seasonal positions for SISI, before arriving where I am today. I'm lucky to work with a supportive and diverse team, both within the Trust and SISI - and would love to see more women in STEM jobs, especially conservation. Being able to work in an area and sector that you love and are passionate about is a gift, and though the work can be tough (especially in the heights of summer!) its also the most rewarding work I've ever done.

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