

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MARINE ANIMAL RESEARCH?



PROFESSIONAL

Top level responsibilities

As a researcher, I work on projects that help us understand the effect of environmental change on delicate ecosystems. I help collect data that informs our understanding of these effects. Imagine flying over the remote WA coastline recording sightings to gather data about dugongs (a large mammal that feeds on seagrass).

Day to day skills

I apply my skills as a scientist and my local knowledge of the Kimberley to planning projects; my communication skills when liaising with people in remote areas; and my ability to think critically to determine the most efficient way of approaching a situation.

“ WHEN I GREW UP I KNEW I WANTED TO BE ...

When I was about 16 years old, a gas hub was proposed near where I would go camping and fishing – I could see the threats and opportunities it posed, so I wanted to be part of the discussion.

I learned about the ocean from family and community.

I studied science at Murdoch University.

PERSONAL

Current location or community

I am a Bardi Jawi woman from One Arm Point but I grew up in Broome which is in Yawuru Country.

My interests and hobbies

I've spent a lot of time camping and fishing in my area.

I am passionate about ...

I am passionate about being the liaison between science and community.

What I would say to 16 year old me ...

Keep persevering, even though it might get hard, because it's all worth it in the long run.

I would like to improve my knowledge of the Kimberley Marine environment ...

I got a job with CSIRO.

... and move home to use this knowledge working with my community.