

Myrthe Fonck

“My name is Myrthe Fonck and I graduated in Ecology at the VU University of Amsterdam. I currently work as an ecologist for PWN. PWN is both a drinking water supply and nature conservation company and manages two N2000 dune areas at the northwestern coast of the Netherlands (Noordhollands dune reserve and National Park Zuid-Kennemerland). The areas also play a role in the drinking water purification process. My main duties are the preparation of strategic and policy documents and translating these into conservation and management measures, coordination of research and monitoring and analysis and interpretation of the results.

Our nature reserves are in close proximity of large expanding urban areas and involving (especially young) people with nature becomes more and more important. For me personally, educated as a researcher, there is no better way imaginable to involve people with nature than through science. With the help of the AT scholarship I hope to be able to investigate the full potential of citizen science for nature conservation and to get insight in all the requirements for a successful project.”