

Marine Biologist

Marine Biologists research life in the oceans and other saltwater environments.



Skills You'll need:

- An affinity with the marine environment and an interest in aquatic life.
- Excellent numerical and statistics skills
- Practical fieldwork skills.
- Patience and good observation skills.
- Excellent teamwork and personal communication abilities.

Working hours

Working hours vary according to your area of work. Field **work** contracts are usually between 40 - 50 **hours** a week although the exact **hours** are project specific and may be dictated by the tide. This may mean some early starts and 24-**hour** days on field trips.

Careers in Marine Biology include:

- marine ecologist and dive operations manager.
- reef restoration project manager.
- marine biology technician.
- research assistant.
- fishery data manager.
- environmental engineer.
- professor in marine ecology.
- Marine research assistant.

These university subjects are related to this career:

- marine biology
- marine biology and coastal ecology
- marine science
- ocean and earth science
- oceanography.



You'll usually need:

- At GCSE the subjects you need are the Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), English and Maths. Other qualifications that would be helpful are ICT, Geography, and Foreign languages.
- A levels: Biology is the most important Science you need to take, with Chemistry being a close second. Maths, Geography, Computing or Psychology can also be useful subjects.

Marine biologists must complete at least a bachelor's degree, which **takes** about **four years**

Jobs in this field are limited and competition is strong. Job growth for zoologists and wildlife **biologists** as a whole will be 3-7% through 2022. Those with advanced math and computer skills will be at an advantage in the job market.

The average **salary** for a **Marine Biologist** is £32,462 per year in the UK