

SAERI NEWS

SAERI welcomes new Intern, Damien Hughes

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I am currently conducting a placement year as a part of my BSc Ecology and Conservation with Nottingham Trent University. For this year I have been able to conduct a part time placement with SAERI over two days a week.

During this time, I have been given the opportunity to assist with an ongoing [Wetlands Project](#) in the Falklands Islands and interpret data collected from a local weather station to provide analysis of trends and monthly reports. Within my role assisting with the Wetlands Project I have been focusing on creating a map using findings from previous research. This has allowed me to build on the GIS module that was part of my university course, as a result I have gained a better understanding of how this software is used within the environmental industry.

Having spent only a few weeks on this placement I have already gained an invaluable understanding of the underpinning work that goes into planning and conducting any research, as well as a great respect for the value of preliminary data collection. I am really enjoying my time spent with SAERI and am very much looking forward to continuing with this placement and hope it continues to provide me with a great deal of understanding and experience that will allow me to build a career within the environmental and conservation industry.