Adam Sennitt, 25, is a student on the University of Portsmouth's MSc in coastal and marine resource management after taking a first degree in outdoor adventure management.

After graduating from Southampton Solent University, I decided to go travelling. I worked in Australia for six months, teaching water sports in Sydney Harbour and did a ski season in New Zealand before eventually managing a children's adventure resort in the south of France. The work gave me valuable management skills and I began to realise how much outdoor pursuits depended on the environment - my interest in marine conservation started to spiral out of control.

I have always had a love for the outdoors and it made sense to try and sustain the many areas I've enjoyed. Sea levels are rising, which is impacting on the coastal areas of low-lying land. We need to conserve habitats and make sure that people's lives are not endangered. Then there's the marine environment, which no one really knows too much about - we know more about space than we do about the oceans.

I chose the Portsmouth course because it is well connected to various people and organisations working in the field. It also has an excellent record for employability. I'm planning to make a career in marine and coastal conservation, although the master's has opened up a lot of other options.

The course has a partnership arrangement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, so I could become a chartered surveyor. There are many career possibilities for me.

Interview by Liz Lightfoot