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Pionierinnen der Forschung Female Pioneers of Research

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Having grown up in Freyburg on the Unstrut (Saxony-Anhalt), she studied biology at the universities of Leipzig and Greifswald.



In 1974, she failed in her attempt to flee the GDR across the Baltic Sea. She was captured and spent two years in prison.

In 1976, she was bought out by the Federal Republic of Germany and allowed to leave the GDR.

She continued her research in West Germany and received, among other things, a research assignment on the Galápagos Islands.



She began to travel the world,
mostly on her own.

She traveled to Asia, Africa, South
America, and to arabic countries.

In more than 20 books, she
documented her travels – both
from a personal perspective and
with her background in biology.





„Lass die Vergangenheit –
Vergangenheit sein? Nein, der
Mensch sollte sich seiner
Geschichte bewusst sein, aus ihr
lernen. Doch der Fokus sollte auf
der Gegenwart liegen.“

"Let the past be the past? No,
people should be aware of their
history and learn from it. But the
focus should be on the present."

