IUCN Youth Voices
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Inspiring Wonder for the natural world

Exciting Curiosity about sustainability

Empowering Youth to care for environments
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Website Overview

1. Global Challenges
2. Virtual Exchange
3. Curriculum Sourcebook
4. Eco-Stewards
5. Think Tank
6. Opportunities
1. Global Challenges

- Organized by themes (i.e., nature conservation, climate change, water, and oceans).
- Features video, multimedia and print resources from IUCN and other organizations.
2. Virtual Exchange

- Students in classrooms around the world investigate environmental challenges in their communities.
- They document and share solutions online.
- Part of Global Schools for Local Action with modules for elementary, middle/lower secondary and high/upper secondary school.
3. Curriculum Sourcebook

- Lessons, background materials, student readings and handouts aimed at specific grade levels and spanning grades K-12.

- Equips students with 21st-century skills (i.e., inquiry, critical thinking, digital creation and communication).
4. Eco-Stewards

- Salutes environmental heroes.
- Highlight different ways to improve environments.
- Allow students to witness how local actions can become a global movement.
5. Think Tank

- Features a gallery of videos and articles.
- Spotlights ordinary people improving local and global environments.
6. Opportunities

- Gateway to action in your community, nation, region, or globally.
- Lists events, activities, internships, volunteer positions offered by IUCN and organizations worldwide.
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Topics:

• Investigate pressing global challenges.

• Show links between communities and environments.

• Demonstrate nature-based solutions.
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Resources:

• Appeal to children and youth.

• Classroom-friendly and curriculum-relevant.

• Suggest the scope and variety of our natural world.
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Inquiry and Creativity:

- Analyze problems and solutions (through Guiding Questions in Think Tank and elsewhere).
- Reflect on local situations and global implications.
- Craft solutions and share ideas.
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Global Schools for Local Action Virtual Classroom Exchange: Young people take their environments and our future into their own hands.

- Connects students from around the world as they document environmental challenges in their locality and share their solutions with peers worldwide.
- Tiered for elementary/primary, middle/lower secondary, and high/upper secondary school use.
- Teachers engage students using the ideas and activities in the exchange module and share their student work via the Global Schools for Local Action exchange.
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Think Tank: Daunting problems demand innovative thinking and valiant efforts.

• Spotlights ingenious nature-based solutions through short videos and articles.

• Makes concepts such as “nature-based” understandable and engaging.

• Connects with people in communities around the world who are working to make our world a better place.

• Invites students to link local approaches to global challenges.

• Promotes thoughtful dialogue through Guiding Questions.
IUCN Youth Voices Connects People

To each other:

- Students share solutions to local environmental problems and share their ideas with peers across the globe.
- Schools and community groups can connect with Eco-Stewards and invite them to participate in events.
- Opportunities section is regularly updated with new events and ways to be involved.

To our world:

- Students engage in active explorations, getting out of the classroom and discovering how nature supports livelihoods and human wellbeing.
- Global Challenges, Think Tank, and Eco-Stewards are refreshed regularly with new issues, ideas, people, and solutions.
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A digital resource forum to inspire and empower students and teachers to connect with nature and improve our world to benefit people and nature.