

Earth from Above

An aerial portrait of our planet -
towards sustainable development
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© Yann Arthus-Bertrand, Heart of Voh, New Caledonia S20° 57' E 164° 41'

Welcome to this unique and inspiring exhibition!

Come on a journey with photographer, Yann Arthus-Bertrand, to every corner of our beautiful home - planet earth!

As you walk around this exhibition, you'll enjoy photographs of a huge variety of natural habitats and expressions of life. You'll also see and read about the impact that we humans have had!

Take the time to stand still in front of these photographs and soak it all in! Look at the images and read the captions below. Notice how each one makes you feel.

We all have a responsibility to keep this earth clean and healthy. On the other side of this card are some questions to start you thinking about things that you can do at school, at home and in your local community to help!

This Earth is our only home ...

Together we can shape a clean, green, sustainable future!



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Can you find these photos?

Have a look at them and then answer the questions



FLOCK OF SCARLET IBIS, NEAR PEDERNALES, AMACURO DELTA, VENEZUELA (9°57' N, 62°21' W)

The natural rate of extinction is 1-2 per century. The current rate of extinction is **1-2 per hour!** What human activities might be contributing to this high rate of extinction? Can you think of some ways to help stop this happening?



MIDDELGRUNDEN OFFSHORE WIND FARM, NEAR COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (55°41' N, 12°40' E)

In Australia, we are aiming to produce about 2% of our energy from renewable sources by 2010. In Denmark, 10% of their energy already comes from renewable resources, and they are aiming to increase this to 50% by 2030. Why do you think Australia's target is so much lower? Do you think it should be increased? Why/Why not?



ILLUMINATED GREENHOUSE NEAR SAUVO, VARSINAIS-SUOMI REGION, FINLAND (60°18' N, 22°36' E)

In Finland, residue - or waste - from the timber industry is re-used as fuel. Could Australia do a similar thing? Are there any other Australian industries which you think could re-use or recycle their waste? How might these industries do this?



THE BLUE LAGOON, NEAR GRINDAVÍK, REYKJANES PENINSULA, ICELAND (63°52' N, 22°27' W)

In Iceland, there are many natural hot springs. In Australia, we're well known for our beaches, rivers and lakes. Think about how we use water at home, at school and within our communities. How might these activities affect our beaches, rivers and lakes? How can we help to protect and restore these areas?



WORKER RESTING ON BALES OF COTTON, THONAKARA, KORHOGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE (9°28' N, 5°36' W)

Research tells us that culture has a big impact on the state of the environment. How might strong community connections enhance environmental sustainability? How might you be able to influence your local community to become more aware of environmental issues and move towards a sustainability-led culture?