





What is The Green Wave?

The Green Wave is a global biodiversity campaign that enables young people to make a difference - one school, one tree, one step at a time. The Green Wave campaign encourages participants to engage in local action, build friendships with other participants around the world, work in local and international partnerships — for example twinning with schools in other countries - and learn about global issues affecting biodiversity.

The Green Wave is celebrated annually on 22 May - the International Day for Biological Diversity. In participating schools, children and youth plant a tree* at 10:00 am local time, creating a "green wave" that goes around the world. Participants upload photos and text to The Green Wave website to share their tree-planting stories with others. An interactive map goes live in the evening at 20:10 local time, creating a second "green wave".

The Green Wave supports the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity to strengthen awareness and education on biodiversity. It will contribute to celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010.



The Green Wave supports other tree planting initiatives such as the Billion Tree Campaign led by the W United Nations Environment Programme.

* In some parts of the world, the seasonal conditions are not right to plant a tree on 22 May. In these areas, participants should plant in an appropriate season, and instead water their chosen tree at 10 am on 22 May.













Join The Green Wave!

Visit our website to learn more about the campaign, biodiversity and getting involved. Then, spread the word.

If you're a child or youth

• Plan your special event with your teacher and classmates

If you're a teacher

- Support your students' learning on biodiversity and planning their special event
- Register your tree

If you're in the non-profit sector

- Offer your expertise to participating schools
- Join or start a national or regional "Friends of The Green Wave" association

If you're in the private sector

 Contact us about how your company can support today's young people in creating a healthy biodiverse world of tomorrow

If you're a member of the press

· Cover the story and send us a copy

If you represent a government

- · Encourage the participation of students in your area
- Translate our website into your national and local languages

Any questions or things you'd like to share with us? Email greenwave@cbd.int.









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The Green Wave

One school, one tree, one gift to nature

Through action-oriented learning, The Green Wave teaches children and youth the importance of biodiversity for our well-being and that of our planet. The Green Wave supports schools around the world to educate tomorrow's leaders on the crucial tasks of protecting Earth's biodiversity and halting its loss.







On 22 May, 2008, over 60 groups of children and youth in 19 countries worldwide joined The Green Wave. Each group held a special tree planting ceremony, inviting students, parents, teachers, press, ministers and others to celebrate biodiversity. They submitted photos and stories about the natural and cultural history of the tree species they planted. Participants are named in the border and some of their stories and pictures are presented here.

Participants of *The Green Wave* 2008

Albert-Einstein Schule. Germany

We decided to plant an apple tree, because our region is famous for them. In mediaeval times, the old German name for apple tree was "Affaltra". The small village of Affhöllerbach is named after the apple tree. We gain many things from apples. Ap-



ple trees are part of our landscape - it's very nice, when the apple tree blossoms: green grass and woods, white apple trees and blue sky...what else do you need?

German European School Singapore, Singapore

The nutmeg tree was chosen because it is common in this region and Singapore is a major re-exporter. Our spice garden will soon be extended with other trees. shrubs and herbs



Lernwerft - Club of Rome School, Germany

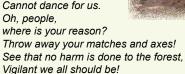
Everyone brought a small shovel and a watering can. We all went outside and looked around the school yard for small trees growing in places without hope for continued growth (e.g. the sand box or under the table tennis table). Everyone dug up the trees, doing their best to avoid breaking any roots. Then we replanted them in the school's garden. At 5 minutes to 10 am we filled our watering cans and waited until 10. In the last ten seconds, we counted out loud and at 10 am we watered the replanted trees.



Colombian Botanical Gardens Network & many schools, Colombia THE GREEN WAVE IN COLOMBIA WAS A HUGE SUCCESSIIII

Gymnasium 14, Russia

Siberian forest. miahtv forest! You are shelter to animals and birds! But the screaming saws and fires Take away the quiet life! Ant-hills perish, disappear. On a tree-leaf dragon-fly Cannot dance for us. Oh. people.





German School Lagos, Nigeria

The mango tree is a traditional tree in Africa. It provides shade at gatherings in Nigerian villages. We are fostering a partnership with a local school. "Gestor". with donations but also with friendly football matches. The mango tree we planted today may also be regarded as a "tree of friendship": first growing slowly but maturing into a very fruitful relationship.

Various schools, Seychelles

We celebrated our Biodiversity day when school children and teachers from the Northern and Central parts of the country came down to a secondary school in town to plant medicinal, fruit and endemic trees. It was a great success.



South Africa

The Green Wave Trees, 2008

Sun Valley Primary School, South Africa

Our grade twos were particularly awed by the idea of children across the globe simultaneously planting and watering trees. This exercise has not only made our small world a greener place but created awareness in our children for the appreciation of trees.

Colegio Experimental Alberto Einstein, Ecuador

It was a cold and rainv morning. But all the 36 students and 3 teachers were very happy about planting. All the kids made 'the green wave' of Ecuador, with the country flag at the end. I think all of us learned very much about planting, sharing and being world citizens .



Read the full stories at greenwave.cbd.int

