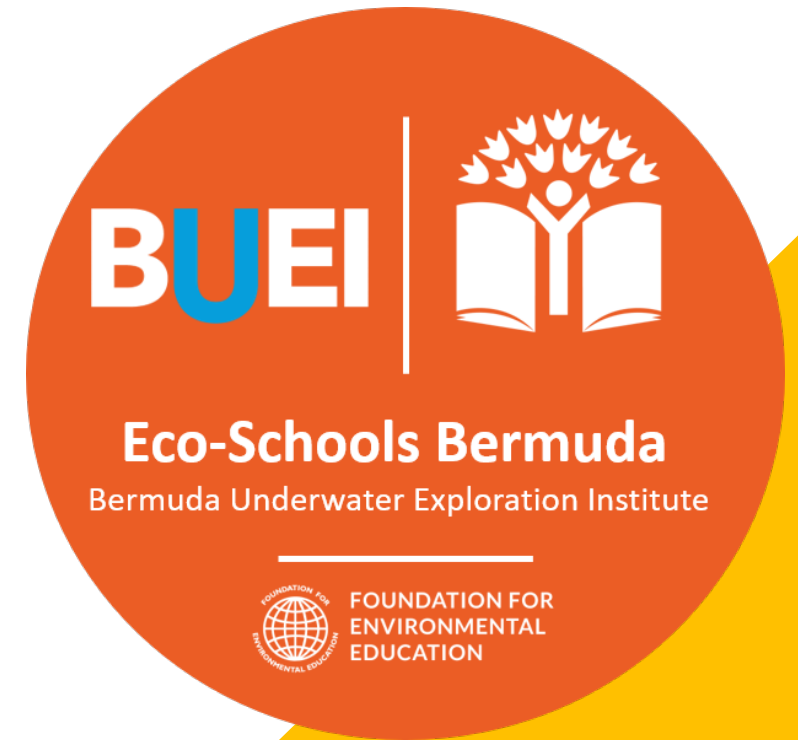


Eco-Schools Bermuda

Donor Update April 2022



Programme Overview

Eco-Schools Bermuda is an environmental education programme that works with local schools to form student-led eco-clubs focused on making sustainable change. Facilitated by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), it is the world's largest sustainable school's programme.

BUEI (Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute) became National Operator for the programme in September 2019 and retained a full-time coordinator in September 2020.



Programme Overview

- In the 2020-2021 academic year, Eco-Schools Bermuda worked with sixteen schools. By the end of the academic year, seven Certificates of Recognition were awarded.
- At the start of the 2021-2022 academic year, the programme had expanded by 44%, to twenty-three registered schools, with sixteen now on their way to earning an award this June. *Figure 1).*
- Eco-Schools Bermuda promotes sustainability at every level, from primary schools through Bermuda College, with public schools representing more than half of engagement.



Figure 1: Eco-Schools schools 2020-2022



Programme Overview

- The Eco-Schools programme follows a globally established methodology to guarantee participant success. Its foundation consists of 10 sustainability pathways, from “Waste and Litter Minimization” to “Energy Consumption” and provides a 7-Step Framework (*Figure 2*) to keep schools on track throughout the academic year.
- Bermuda’s schools are currently focused on seven out of the 10 pathways and moving onto steps 5-7 in Term 3.
- Meet a few of the 2021-2022 local Eco-School clubs [here](#).



Figure 2: The Eco-Schools 7-Step Framework, moving clockwise from "Eco-Committee".



Collaborative Projects

The Eco-Schools programme works with local experts in the field, referred to as **Delivery Partners**, to support schools across their respective pathways.

- **The Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS)** supported **Francis Patton Primary School** in the Marine and Coast pathway by working alongside students to conduct a beach microplastics survey.
- **The Bermuda National Trust** supported **Bermuda High School** in the School Grounds pathway by giving suggestions on how to revamp their school green house.
- **Sinclair Seed Sowing** supported **Dalton E Tucker** and **Paget Primary Schools** in the Sustainable Foods pathway by assisting each with starting a school garden.
- **Waste Management Bermuda** supported **Paget Primary School** in the Sustainable Foods pathway by teaching them the benefits of composting and donating an Earth Machine composter.
- **The Department of Environment and Natural resources** worked with **Impact Mentoring Academy** in the Marine and Coast pathway by involving students in their ongoing seagrass restoration project.
- **Bermuda SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)** supported **Port Royal Primary School** in the Health and Wellbeing pathway by conducting a course for students to deepen their understanding of compassion.



Collaborative Projects

The Eco-Schools programme also partners with environmental organizations to cross-promote shared calls to action.

- In March 2021, Eco-Schools Bermuda was featured in the local **Earth Hour live** media broadcast.
- That same month Eco-School Bermuda students were represented in the **Bahamas Youth Environmental Leadership Summit** hosted by that Island's Eco-Schools national operator, the Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation (BREEF).
- This year, Eco-Schools Bermuda joined the April 22nd **Earth Day Challenge** in collaboration with local environmental organisations Greenrock, Keep Bermuda Beautiful (KBB), Beyond Plastic, Bermuda Environmental Sustainability Taskforce (BEST), Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS) and Bermuda National Trust.
- Eco-Schools Bermuda also takes part in FEE's **Global Action Days** campaign each year and has been largely involved in the BUEI Youth Climate Summit since November 2021.



Eco-Clubs in Action



Victor Scott Primary School with their Eco-Schools Recognition Certificate, awarded for their work on the Energy Pathway during the 2020-2021 academic year.



Francis Patton Primary School celebrating their first "Walk to School" event to raise awareness of fossil fuel pollution for the Climate Change Pathway.



Paget Primary with Delivery Partner Zayne from Sinclair Seed Sowing learning about how to start a school garden for the Sustainable Foods pathway.



Eco-Schools Support

The Eco-Schools Bermuda programme is grateful for the generous donations throughout the year from local foundations and donors, and the countless volunteer hours invested in school projects by our Delivery Partners.

With momentum building, the support of our donors helps to ensure the programme continues to provide schools with the tools and guidance for their students to actively lead and participate in sustainability initiatives.

Your contributions to Eco-Schools Bermuda make it possible to nurture the next generation of environmental advocates and student leaders.

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