



Children's Mangrove Art Calendar Contest 2023

Dear Friend of the Mangroves,

Mangrove Action Project (MAP) would like to invite children from your country to join in this creative and educational art competition. It is an opportunity for the younger generation to learn about the vital role Mangroves play in the lives of coastal communities and marine life around the world while letting them explore their imagination and have fun when creating their art pieces.

This 22nd annual art contest is a collaborative opportunity for participating NGOs to build relationships with teachers and communities, and to develop children's understanding when thinking about the environment around them. Education about the importance of Mangrove and Coastal ecosystems is critical when affecting long-term change; children are the next generation of decision makers and we have the chance to teach them the value of the natural world, giving them a life-long appreciation and respect for their environment.

As always, the selected winning artworks will be published in next year's calendar (2024), which will help to raise awareness of mangrove forests while encouraging and listening to the imaginative voices of the next generation. All students submitting artwork will be eligible to receive a printable e- certificate of participation. Winners, including their participating NGOs and schools, will receive copies of the final calendar, and the winning students will receive a signed official certificate showing their great achievement in this year's Children's Mangrove Art Contest. As well, the art will be exhibited in MAP's virtual gallery.

Please share information about this competition with your local schools, teachers, home schooling groups, youth groups and families. If you do need further ideas of how you or your schools can take part, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at: mapchildrensmangroveartcontest@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing all of your fantastic, colorful artwork! Yours sincerely,

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Mangrove Action Project

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Guidelines for Art Submissions

The theme of this year's competition, which is now open to children in all nations, is **"Why Mangroves are important to the mangrove communities and the world"** **Please** read the following carefully as any artworks not following the guidelines will, unfortunately, not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding the competition or artwork guidelines. Please contact Monica at: mapchildrensmangroveartcontest@gmail.com

Submissions open: [April 22, 2023 \(Earth Day\)](#)

Contest Deadline: [July 31, 2023](#)

We would like the participants to respond to any of these three questions in a few sentences as well as sending their submission.

- 1) What have you learned about mangroves?**
- 2) What are the threats to the mangroves today?**
- 3) How does garbage and marine debris affect mangroves?**

Technique: We would like lots of **COLORFUL** work please; no black and white! Paint, color pencil, ink, collage, pastel, crayons, etc. are all accepted. This can be on canvas or paper.

Dimensions: **A3 paper (42cm x30 cm or 18in x12 in)**

Format: LANDSCAPE: this means the artwork should have the **longer length across** and the **shorter length up to down. Portrait format will be rejected.**

Age Limit: [From 7-16 years old](#)

One submission per artist

Digital Submission: Please send a digital file. The artwork should be scanned, or a photo taken at minimum 300 dpi at a minimum resolution of 3,712 x 2,784, as a jpg file. The submitted files need to be named using the name of the student. For example, Carla May is sending a photo that should be named **Carla May/MAP Art Contest 2023**

Awards: Winners will receive a calendar and hard copy certificate for achievement and art will be featured in our online virtual gallery. All participants will receive an e-printable participatory certificate to be printed and filled in with the complete name of the participant student by the teacher, local organization, guardian, or parent.

Artist Identification: When submitting the artwork please include the following information that appear in the box. As a separate word document file, or in the email. Files must be sent to us via **WeTransfer**. (wetransfer.com) Please send submissions to: mapchildrensmangroveartcontest@gmail.com

Student Information sheet

Full Name:

Artist's Age:

School name:

Contact email:

Country:

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