

ICEBREAKER: GET TO KNOW NATURE

Nature Foundation St. Maarten edition

Protecting the Earth is an act of love... how do you care about it?

Students will think critically and thoughtfully about their connection to the environment, especially that of St. Maarten. To care for our environment, we must foster deeper relationships with the land, sea, and air.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Players examine how St. Maarten's environment has impacted them
- Encourages and fosters deeper connections to the island's ecologies

CONSIDERATIONS

- Maximum of 7 participants unless modified to accommodate more
- Optimal 4 participants at a time

INSTRUCTIONS

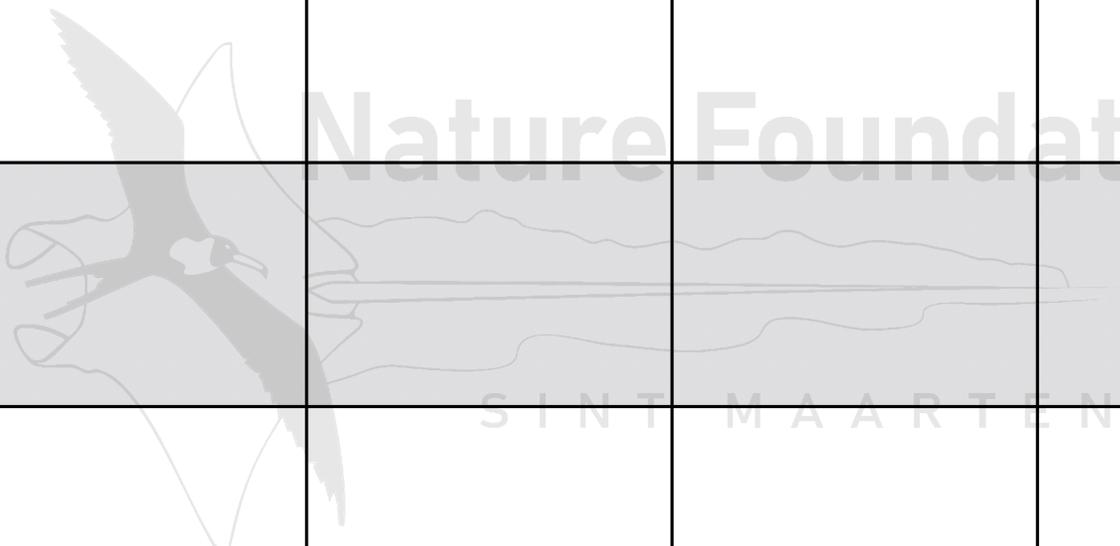
Print the Reflection Cards (**attached below**) and cut them, stacking them face-down in a single pile. For larger groups, multiple copies of the Reflection Cards can be printed for one game session, in addition to the Make-Your-Own option.

Each player will choose one card from the pile and read it out loud to the person on their right. The player to their right will answer the question after a 30-second thinking period, but they may take longer if necessary. Players may choose to pass on a question if they cannot answer it. After answering the question, the player who pulled the card sets it on a separate pile, and the next player can choose a card to read for the individual on their right.

After all the cards are depleted, players may shuffle the deck to play again. Pass repeat questions if asked to the same person. The game can also be modified so that every player in the session has to answer the chosen question, instead of just the player to the right.

How do you define nature and the natural world?	What emotions do you experience when near the ocean or a body of water?	If you could change something about St. Maarten's current environment, what would it be?	How can we live respectfully and sustainably with the natural world around us?
Why does caring for our planet and the natural world matter?	How would humans interact with the natural world in your ideal vision?	What happens when you consider yourself to be separate from nature?	Where do you find nature?
What is something about nature that you would like to know more about?	What does nature mean to you?	What is your earliest memory of 'nature'?	Describe your strongest memory relating to mangroves.
What role does climate change play in your daily life?	What role do you think humans can play in contributing to the wellbeing of nature?	Describe a meaningful memory with a non-human animal.	How would you describe your relationship to the natural world?
Describe your favorite memory relating to the natural world.	What did you eat today? Where do you think it came from, and how did it get to you?	Are you a plant or animal person? Why?	What is one natural area that has changed a lot since a previous memory of it?
What assumptions do you have about the environment around you?	What changes could you easily make in your life to help protect the local environment?	Is tourism compatible with environmental protection? Why or why not?	Where would you like to explore?
Can you think of positive interactions between humans and their environment?	How do we balance species protection and food resources like fish or conch?	Close your eyes and imagine St. Maarten pre-colonization. What do you see?	What will it take to create a successful environmental movement?

What is the feeling you get when you feel that you're 'in nature'?	Does the natural world inspire you? If so, why?	What are your favorite activities to do that involve the natural world, and why?	How does nature influence your life?
What is your favorite landscape on St. Maarten, and why?	What is the value of protecting St. Maarten's nature to you?	What do you think about when you imagine the open ocean?	Have you ever eaten locally-farmed food? What was it, and how was it?
How do you think we need to preserve and enhance St. Maarten's nature?	What is the strangest piece of litter you've seen on a beach?	Tell a story about a time you saw something amazing while outside.	What scares you about the natural world?
What is your favorite fish around St. Maarten and why?	If you were an animal, which would you be and why?	Describe a meaningful memory with a non-human animal.	How would you describe your relationship to the natural world?
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Can you think of positive interactions between humans and their environment?	How do we balance species protection and food resources like fish or conch?	Close your eyes and imagine St. Maarten without plastics. What do you see?	What will it take to create a successful environmental movement?

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