

## 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



### Goal 17: Partnerships for Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Have you ever wondered how many countries there are in the world? According to the United Nations there are 195 recognised countries in the world. Monaco is the smallest recognised country in the world and is only 2 km<sup>2</sup> in size. It is

found along the French Riviera in Europe.

It is important that world leaders work in partnership to ensure that all people in all countries from the smallest to the largest are part of the 17 actions to transform our world.

We are now going to explore the importance of partnerships in nature and how working together can bring many benefits.

#### Partnerships in Nature

In nature, different animals will sometimes form the most unexpected relationships.

Zebras and ostriches have a partnership in nature. Zebras have excellent eyesight but have a poor sense of smell. Ostriches have a great sense of smell but have poor eyesight. Therefore, they work together in partnership to stay alert to predators.

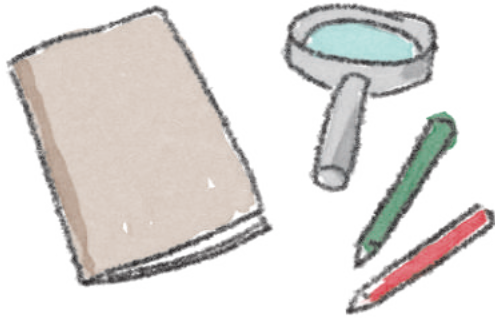
After a meal, an Egyptian crocodile will find a comfortable spot at a riverbank. It will open its mouth and welcome the plover bird to enter its mouth. The little bird will remove any food that remains in between the crocodile's teeth and help prevent infection in the crocodile's mouth.

Nature teaches us that sometimes the most unlikely partnerships can be positive and have many benefits.

1. Implementation means to put a plan into action. 2. Revitalise means to bring new life and new energy to something. 3. Transform means to change. 4. Alert means to be aware of possible danger.



# Experiment - Partnerships in Nature



What you need:

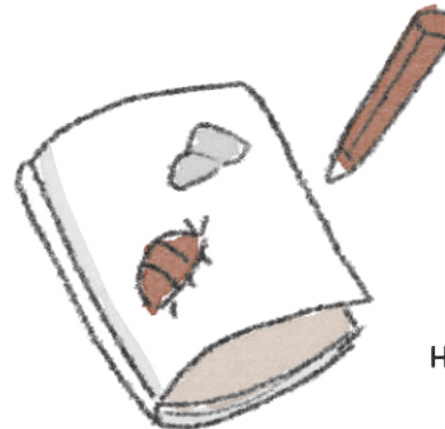
- Colouring pencils
- Magnifying glass if available
- Some paper



1. Explore the schoolyard for different types of habitats. Can you find a pile of dead leaves or some shady rocks or a patch of lawn or a flower bed?



2. Choose one of the habitats to explore. Can you see any animals or insects in the habitat?



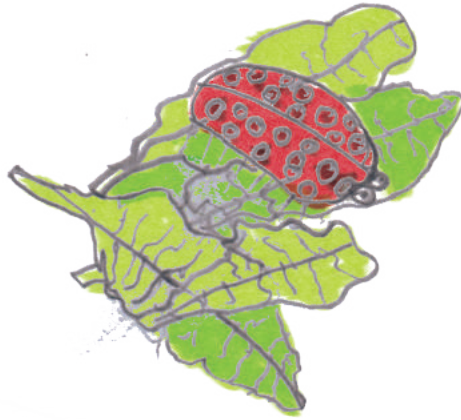
3. Draw pictures of the animals and insects that you see.  
How do you think the animals and insects work together?

## What are your thoughts?

Have you learned something new about partnerships in nature?  
What would you do to achieve strong partnerships?



# What Do We Learn From This Experiment?



What teamwork Means:

## Partnerships in Nature

The activity explored biodiversity in different habitats in the schoolyard. Biodiversity includes all life, including microorganisms, plants, insects, and animals, living in a habitat. They all work together to maintain balance and support life.

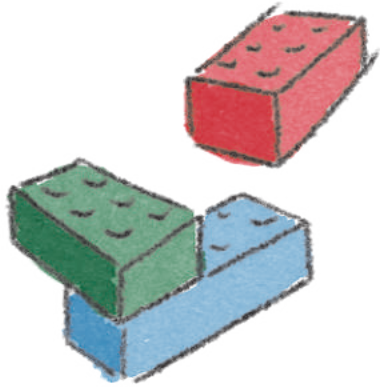
You might find ants, beetles, spiders, earwigs and millipedes under a rock. There may be some decaying leaves or plants or soil present. Microorganisms will also be present but they will not be visible to the naked eye. There may also be some lichen growing on the rocks.

You might find caterpillars, spiders, and woodlice in a pile of leaves. There will also be some microorganisms but they will not be visible to the naked eye. There may also be a snail or two in the leaves.

Explore the different habitats at different times throughout the year to see how they change from winter to summer. Spend some time thinking about the partnerships that exist in each of the habitats.



# What Can We Do?



Practice teamwork at school and at home.

SDG 17 is all about strengthening the means of implementation and revitalising the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

It can be hard to know the things we can do in our lives to make a difference, but by following some of the tips on this page we can start making the world better for everyone. You may not think that little changes will make a difference, but everyone making little changes adds up to big change.



Encourage your family to support organisations that work towards the SDGs.



Get involved in school or community clubs where possible.



Write letters to local councillors/ TDs outlining the importance of achieving the SDGs.



Share what you know about the SDGs with your friends and family.