



Project News

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Partnering students and scientists worldwide

Five Years of Conservation Education!



photo: Wayne Serrano



"I never got a chance to learn that way in high school.

It helped me understand the scientific method, how to build my own hypothesis, and test it out."

- EPI student

2004 marks EPI's fifth season working with students and sea turtles at the Pacuare Nature Reserve

in Costa Rica and second year in the Galapagos Islands. By the end of June, EPI will have involved 1400 students and teachers from Costa Rica, Galapagos, and the USA in our innovative program of hands-on field research and cultural exchange. These participants have been taught and mentored by 25 inspired individuals.

July. Meanwhile, the interior rainforests adjacent to the nesting beach are teeming with wildlife.

Our summer courses in Costa Rica will focus on the terrestrial world, in addition to the young sea turtle hatchlings. Students will spend three weeks exploring Costa Rica's tropical diversity, from the Caribbean coast to Pacific Ocean.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to delve deeper into the culture and natural surroundings of this tropical nation. Contact us for details about course content and availability.

In 2005, EPI students can receive college credit while working to protect endangered sea turtles. The University of Montana will accredit EPI's Costa Rica and Galapagos field courses.

Starting next year, we'll provide summertime courses that focus on both tropical rainforests and sea turtles. The nesting activity of adult leatherbacks slows down in June, but hatchling activity peaks in June and

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