WHERE DO EDUCATION + SUSTAINABILITY INTERSECT?
The Earthducation project evolved from more than 10 years of delivering Adventure Learning projects to nearly 15 million students and teachers around the globe. As we embarked upon our expeditions and collaborated with diverse cultures in locations ranging from the Arctic to the South Africa, it became evident that there were exhilarating narratives and experiences, large and small, that deserved a worldwide outlet and global community.

Earthducation’s mission is to address the challenge set forth by the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014, DESD) – to integrate the principles, values, and practices of sustainable development into all aspects of education and learning. Understanding these connections between education and the natural environment on local scales will enable and empower change in education on a global scale, as it provides structure for modeling new approaches to education for sustainable development.

“IT OPENS THE WORLD WHEN YOU HAVE EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY UP HERE IN THE NORTH ... I THINK IT’S A KEY TO EVERYTHING”

Matthew - Pangirtung, Nunavut, Canada - March 27, 2010, Expedition 0

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The goal of the Earthducation team is to explore identified climate hot spots on all seven continents, one expedition per continent twice per year through 2014, and collaborate with individuals from around the world to create the first global ecological narrative of collective beliefs at the intersection of education and sustainability. We will focus on the questions: **What is education to you?** and **How does education connect to sustainability?**

In addition to the seven primary expeditions, we will be launching the **EnviroNetwork** in late 2010 prior to our departure to Burkina Faso, Africa. The EnviroNetwork will serve as the online hub for communication and collaboration on local and global issues at the crossroads of education and sustainability. As we travel to each continent, our online community will share their personal experiences and media with each region and culture, constructing a world narrative of education.

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