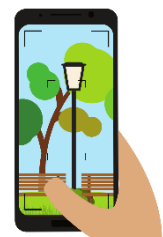


**Green-Schools Global Citizenship Marine Environment
Marine Spatial Planning Photography Competition**

Photography Tips

1. Know your **equipment**. The best camera is the one YOU know how to use!
2. Think creatively! Look around for interesting colours and textures in the environment. **What grabs your attention?**
3. **Lighting**. Early mornings and evenings tend to be the best lighting for outdoor photography.
4. Respect the wildlife and the environment. **Keep a safe distance** from animals to prevent them becoming distressed by your presence.
5. Always **be ready** for a wildlife moment opportunity! Have your camera on you and ready to use so that you can capture any unexpected sights.
6. Be prepared to get dirty and lie on the ground! Some of the most fascinating things in the environment are going on at ground level.
7. When photographing things in motion, like water, play around with variable **shutter speeds and exposure times**. Varying these can make for very different photographs, either making the water appear like its moving in slow motion, or can capture the power of the water.
8. Photograph your pets. One of the best ways to sharpen your wildlife photography skills is to practice on your pets.
9. Surroundings. When focusing on an object, move around a see what **angle** is best to take the photograph from.
10. Think outside the box. Water, be it an ocean or a puddle, can be used to make incredible mirrored reflective images.
11. Remember the **rule of thirds**. When taking photographs, divide the scene into nine equal squares, drawing three evenly spaced horizontal lines and three evenly spaced vertical lines to form a grid. To create an eye-pleasing photograph, the most important elements should be at or near where the lines intersect. Also, when taking a photograph of the horizon, it should lie on bottom line of the top third or second third on the grid.
12. Improve your **stability**. A sturdy tripod is useful when photographing in the great outdoors.
13. Pay attention to the smaller **details**. A focus on one single water drop can be just as impactful as a wide ocean scene.
14. **Be patient**. Sometimes it can take a while to get that exact shot!



Remember photography is about being creative and enjoying the process!