

HELP SAVE TURTLES!!!



Help protect Ontario's turtles!

Seven of Ontario's eight species of turtles are at risk of extinction. Loss of important wetland habitat, rapid changes in the environment and road mortalities threaten Ontario's turtles. But you can help!

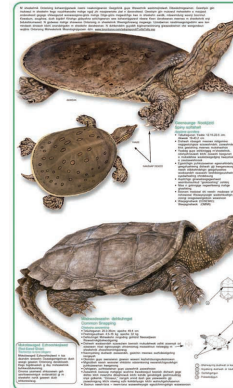
AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Our resources are language based and include:



Ontario Frog & Toad Calls CD

Language Based Identifier Guides



BOOK NOW!

Totally Terrific Turtles Classroom Presentations

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Boozhoo, She:kon, Tansii, Hello!



ways of knowing partnership

TURTLE ISLAND conservation



Ways of Knowing Partnership, Turtle Island Conservation Initiative

Toronto Zoo shares the hopes and goals of First Nation partners in our commitment to the preservation of wild life and wild places for those yet to come. The Turtle Island Conservation Initiative at the Toronto Zoo partners with First Nations communities to incorporate Traditional Knowledge into turtle and wetland conservation programming.

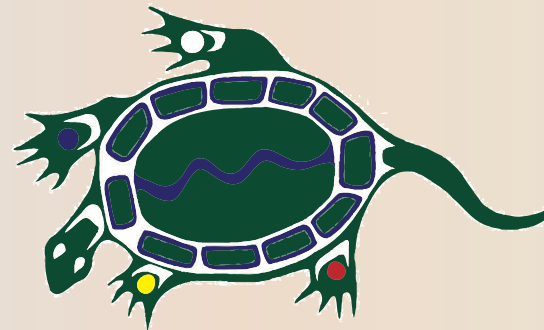
The intention of this partnership is to bring together Keepers of Traditional Knowledge (TK), Elders, First Nations community members and Turtle Island Conservation Initiative (TICI) team members to support community cultural and natural history priorities incorporating (TK) while building awareness with non-Aboriginals.

The program employs First Nation youth and is guided by a First Nation advisory group.

All teachings and knowledge will remain with our partner communities for their decisions on how it is to be used.




OUR OBJECTIVES ARE:

1. To foster respect for self, community, Mother Earth, and the Creator.
2. To recognize and record significant landscapes valued by First Nations communities.
3. To integrate traditional ways of knowing with western science to monitor, protect, respect and restore landscapes.
4. To integrate language, art, and crafts to sustain traditional ways of knowing and living.
5. To facilitate understanding of diversity of First Nation culture and ways of knowing among non-Aboriginals.








CURRENT DIRECTIONS:




TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

-  Lunar calendar (13 Moons)
-  7 Generations (conservation and sustainability practices)
-  Interconnectedness of all inhabitants on Mother Earth

AWARENESS

-  Ways of Knowing guide
-  Ways of knowing Map
-  Language based resources
-  Outreach presentations
-  Cross cultural awareness

MENTORSHIP

-  Summer student internships
-  Art / Science / Leadership camps
-  Training in conservation