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The Endemic Plants in My Environment: An Eco Art Project

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Rapid urbanization stemming from the population growth and the adverse effects brought by the industry cause destruction of nature. 20th century contains debates over destruction. Therefore, it can be said that the results of those global debates highlight the necessity of sustainability-based practices in education. We propose an “Eco Art Project ” project for a sustainable future in education. We were impressed from British botanical artist Margaret Ursula Mee’s work. She had made pictures of plants in Amazon rain forest during 32 years and collected those pictures in a catalogue to contribute to the plant history of the area.

We have realized education in an environment where students can feel the nature. In the project we combined botanical science and art. Our target was secondary school students. During the project process, we enabled students to learn the biological properties of endemic plants in their environment and turn them into artwork.

The project results have shown that students have understood the necessity of endemic plants in their immediate surroundings for the sake of nature. At the same time, they have transformed the plants that they learned into an art form thus they gained new experiences. We also prepared a catalog which contains artworks of the students. Students enjoyed constituting the catalog.