

BLM 5.2 - Ecological Footprints From Around the World

Calculating Your Ecological Footprint

One method of calculating your ecological footprint is the Ecological Footprint Calculator hosted by Mountain Equipment Co-op. This calculator has 13 simple questions that are used to calculate your ecological footprint.

Go to www.mec.ca. Click on **Sustainability** and select **Greening Our Operations** from the list on the left and then select **Ecological Footprint** from the list on the left again.

Complete the online survey for the ecological footprint calculations and then answer the questions below.

How does your footprint compare to the average Canadian?

List three things you do currently that help to minimize your footprint.

List three things you do that increase your ecological footprint.

What are three things that you could do differently now to reduce the size of your ecological footprint?

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How does the size of your footprint compare to the average person living in Ghana?

How many Ethiopians would use the same amount of resources as found in your Ecological Footprint?

What are some of the factors that may contribute to Canadians having larger Ecological Footprints than people in developing countries, such as Ghana or Vietnam? Explain how those factors would affect the size of the ecological footprint.
