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Local youth wins International Young Eco-Hero Award

*LUCA BERARDI, a resident of Nairobi, Kenya and a student of Nairobi International School, is an **Honorable Mention** winner of **Action For Nature's 2015 International Young Eco-Hero Award**. Berardi will be honored for being a **Wildlife Advocate** on October 24th at a reception in San Francisco.*

Luca has always loved animals. From TV, schools, books, and the internet, he has learned that many are threatened. So at the age of 8, Luca helped found YARH (Young Animal Rescue Heroes). "We have," he says, "to encourage more children to protect nature and wildlife because this is protecting their future."

With the help of his family, Luca puts on workshops and presentations. He has appeared in various children's programs and been featured on TV and in newspaper articles. He also works on recycling paper and drink packs. Reducing paper consumption saves trees, a precious resource and source of shade in Kenya. Luca and his mom visit schools persuading children not to burn trash, and creating awareness for endangered wildlife and environmental conservation.

Every year since 2003, Action For Nature (AFN), a U.S.-based non-profit, has recognized young people ages 8-16 who are taking important steps to solve tough environmental problems. Youth from countries around the world send in their stories and explain their work. A panel of judges including experts in environmental science, biology and education determines the year's winners.