

Environmental Science Topics & Resources

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Topics to discuss

- → Introduction to Environmental Science
- → Earth Systems and Resources
- → The Atmosphere
- → Interdependence of Organisms
- → Ecology
- → Populations
- → Land and Water Resources and Use
- → Energy Resources and Consumption
- → Natural Biogeochemical Cycles
- → Pollution
- → Impact on Human Health and Environment
- → Global Change

Introduction to Environmental Science

- → Ecological Footprint
- → Principles of Sustainability
- → Scientific Method
- → Biodiversity
- → Environmental Problems and their Causes

Earth Systems and Resources

- → Earth's Structure
- → Plate Tectonics
- → Soil Formation and Erosion
- → The Rock Cycle
- → Earthquakes, Tsunamis, and Volcanoes
- → Earth's Geography and Climate
- → Solar Intensity

The Atomosphere

- → Atmospheric Composition
- → Structure
- → Climate and Weather
- → Atmospheric Circulation
- → El Niño and La Niña Southern Oscillation (ENSO)
- → Hurricanes, Cyclones, and Tornadoes

Interdependence of Organisms

- → Energy Flow in Ecosystems
- → Trophic Levels
- → Interactions between Species
- → Species Diversity
- → Stability in Ecosystems
- → Food Chains and Food Webs
- → Primary Productivity
- → Interdependence
- → Of Organisms
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Ecology

- → Ecosystem Structure and Services
- → Terrestrial and Aquatic Biomes
- → Ecosystem Biodiversity
- → Natural Ecosystem Change
- → Ecosystem Productivity
- → Law of Tolerance
- → Ecological Succession

Populations

- → Survivorship Curves
- → Population Ecology
- → Age Structure Diagrams
- → Human Population Dynamics
- → Demographic Transition
- → Population Growth

Land and Water Resources and Uses

- → Tragedy of the Commons
- → Types of Agriculture
- → Sustainable Agriculture
- → Pest-Control Methods
- → Irrigation Methods
- → Forestry
- → Deforestation
- → Urban Land Development
- → Mining
- → Fishing
- → Green Revolution

Energy Resources and Consumption

- → Energy Sources
- → Global Energy Consumption and Distribution
- → Energy Use
- → Renewable Energy Sources
- → Energy Conservation Methods
- → Transportation

Natural Biogeochemical Cycles

- → Water Cycle
- → Sulfur Cycle
- → Phosphorus Cycle
- → Nitrogen Cycle
- → Carbon Cycle
- → Role of H2O, C, N, P, and S in the Human Body

Pollution

- → Major Air Pollutants
- → Air Pollution
- → Methods to Reduce Air Pollutants
- → Acid Decomposition
- → Thermal Pollution
- → Noise Pollution
- → Water Pollution
- → Groundwater Pollution
- → Maintaining Water Quality
- → Septic Systems
- → Municipal Solid Waste
- → Waste Reduction Methods
- → Sources of Pollution

Impact on Human Health and Environment

- → Hazards to Human Health
- → Dose-Response Relationship
- → Biomagnification and Bioaccumulation
- → Contaminated Sites
- → Hazardous Chemicals in the Environment
- → Pathogens and Infectious Diseases
- → Sustainability
- → Environmental Economics

Global Change

- → Ozone Depletion
- → Global Warming
- → Reducing Global Climate Change
- → Loss of Biodiversity
- → Ocean Acidification and Warming
- → Impacts of Global Warming
- → Invasive Species