

The EarthTrends Information Guide for Sustainable Development



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The continuing degradation of our natural resources and the impoverishment of large segments of the world's population are placing the security of current and future generations at risk. How can societies obtain a higher standard of living without exhausting or damaging the natural resources that provide for economic growth? Sustainable development offers a long-term solution to reconcile development and environmental concerns by utilizing ecosystem resources for financial gain, without increasing their use beyond the capacity of the environment to supply them indefinitely.

The importance of sustainable development was recognized by the world's leaders at the 1992 Earth Summit, where 178 states agreed to a series of sustainable development goals known as Agenda 21. The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was subsequently established to ensure effective follow-up from the Earth Summit. To that end, the CSD developed a set of 58 indicators to accurately monitor and objectively assess the world's progress towards achieving sustainable development. Earthtrends provides up-to-date data on a large number of these (and related) indicators together in single database – along with associated maps and features – to enable governments, academics, corporations, civil society groups, and members of the public, to independently assess international progress.

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