

Chapter 6: Environmental Stress

<http://www.env-econ.net/>

Environmental Economics is a discussion forum which posts economists' views on environment and resource issues. The posts are non-technical and aimed at a general audience (including students), and try to improve economic considerations of environmental issues. Helpfully, information is presented chronologically and by subject area.

<http://www.unep.org/>

With a mandate to provide leadership and foster cooperation in environmental protection, the United Nations Environmental Programme has a wealth of information— both programming and research-related— for governments, scientists, journalists, civil society, and youth.

<http://www.wri.org/about/>

Finding practical ways to protect the Earth, The World Resources Institute is a research-based think-tank with four main goals: reversing damage to ecosystems, expanding participation in environmental decisions, averting climate change, and increasing prosperity while protecting the environment.

<http://www.ewg.org/>

The Environmental Working group's mission is to expose risks to the environment and to peoples' health, and to provide solutions to these problems. Providing practical information in an interactive setting, the Group prides itself on policy-shaping advocacy and education. Information is organized by issue, and include toxins in the environment and in food, transportation, and corporate accountability.

<http://www.worldchanging.com/>

The WorldChanging discussion forum's main focus is connecting the various resources—tools, models, and ideas—with which a more sustainable environmental future can be built. They focus on resources that may have been overlooked in the mass media, and “make a point of showing ways in which seemingly unconnected resources link together.”

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/>

The David Suzuki Foundation has several core program areas: oceans and sustainable fishing, clean energy, and sustainability. The Foundation “uses science and education to promote solutions that conserve nature and help achieve sustainability within a generation.” The website is accessible and user-friendly. It also contains a “Nature Challenge” which provides practical ways to minimize our impacts on the Earth, and an extensive network of links.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

The Sierra Club is a grassroots environmental organization which seeks to “explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth.” One of the organization's four main stated goals is to educate, and accordingly the website contains a wealth of information about their conservation initiatives and programs, as well as a large number of publications.

<http://www.worldwatch.org/>

The Worldwatch Institute is an interdisciplinary research body which revolves around how to achieve a just and environmentally sustainable society. Their publications are especially accessible, and the organization prides itself upon being a key source of information on economic, social and environmental trends.

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<http://www.iied.org/>

The International Institute for Environment and Development is a policy research institute, which aims to make development more sustainable and equitable. The organization “works as a catalyst, broker and facilitator and helps vulnerable groups find their voice and ensure their interests are heard in decision-making. Environmental sustainability is a core concern but not at the expense of people’s livelihoods.”

<http://www.pollutionprobe.org/>

Pollution Probe is a Canadian environmental organization that promotes advocacy and education about environmental issues, and attempts to design practical solutions through advocacy. The website contains publications on air quality, children’s health, energy, environmental policy development, mercury, and water usage.

<http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/index.htm>

The International Water Management Institute is a non-profit research organization whose priorities are fourfold: land, water, livelihoods, and health and environment. The Institute “concentrates on water and related land management challenges faced by poor rural communities.”