

SEEA Implementation Plan and the Science-Policy Interface

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Assessments

Request from Rio+20:

- Promote a strong science-policy interface, building on GEO-5
- Disseminate and share evidence-based information
- Provide capacity building to countries

(The Future we Want, para. 88)

Global programmes

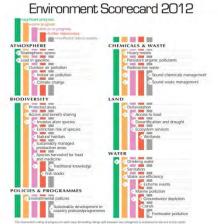
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- Environmental goals
- Staff and substantive contribution to WCMC,
 IPCC, IPBES, GEMS-Water (water quality)
 GEF/STAP, etc

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MEASURING PROGRESS

Environmental Goals & Gaps

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"The lack of reliable and consistent time-series data on the state of the environment is a major barrier to increasing the effectiveness of policies and programmes. Additionally, many of the most important drivers of environmental change or even their impacts are not systematically monitored. All countries should undertake to monitor and assess their own environment and integrate social, economic and environmental information to inform decision-making processes. As standardized approaches to data collection are needed, international cooperation and capacity building for collecting data must be strengthened. Improving access to information is also essential."

—Fifth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5), Summary for Policy Makers (UNEP 2012)





National assessments (examples)







United Nations Environment Programme



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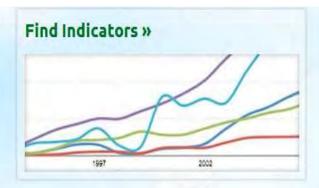
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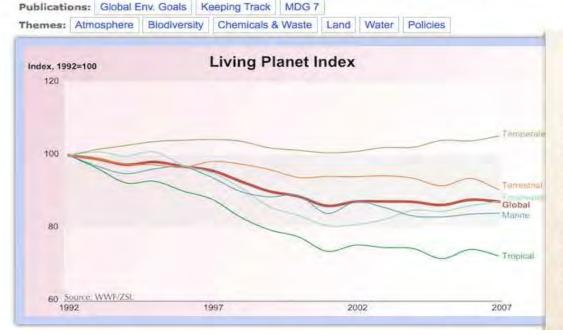
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Overview By Topic By Country

Find Data/Indicators



Measuring progress towards Global Environmental Goals



SCORE: some to little or no progress

NATURAL HABITATS

The condition and extent of natural habitats continue to decline, with some habitats experiencing declines in extent of 20% or more since 1980. Expansion of agriculture is the main reason for the loss of habitat on land, with more than 30% of the Earth's land surface now used for agricultural production. Wetland and coastal habitats are perhaps the most seriously affected (see later sections on "Wetlands" and "Corals"). Climate change is an increasingly important threat.

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ILAC—Latin America and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development

| ILAC Priorities for Action 5—Economic issues, including competitiveness, trade, and production and consumption patterns | | |
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| Goal | Indicative Purpose | Indicators |
| 5.1 Increase use of | i) Increase the use of renewable energy in the region to at least | Proportion of population using solid fuel |
| renewable energy | 10% of total energy use | Renewable energy use as a proportion of total energy used |
| | | Energy use per US\$1,000 of GDP |
| 5.2 Promote cleaner Production | Establish Cleaner Production Centres in all the countries of the region | Consumption of ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons |
| | Incorporate the cleaner production concept in a significant percentage of major industries, with emphasis on small- and medium-sized industries | Number of companies with ISO 14000 certification |
| 5.3 Create beneficial economic instruments | Establish an economic incentive system for productive and industrial transformation projects that preserve natural and energy resources, and bring about a reduction in effluents released into water, land and air | Existence of economic instruments implemented by the country |



Regional and subregional policy processes

Meso-American Plan for Environmental Sustainability (EMSA)

One of three priority areas on "Sustainable Competitiveness"

ALBA Group

"Actions to promote sustainable development through environmental protection laws, stimulating a rational use of resources and avoiding the profileration of wasteful consumption patterns outside the realities of our peoples."

OECS (St George's Declaration)

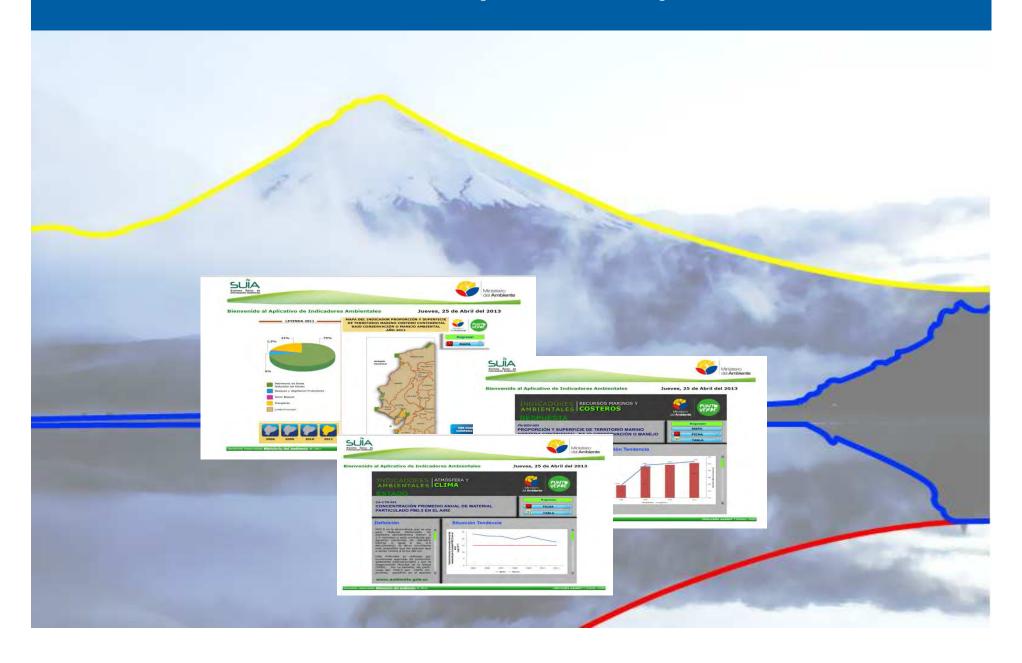
Principle 6: Use
Economic Instruments
for Sustainable
Environmental
Management

Latin American
Development Bank (CAF)
Environmental Strategy

Strategic line of work on "Strengthening of natural capital and valuing of services furnished by nature."



National ILAC reports and platforms



Valuation studies



- The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)
- Jeanette KawasNational Park, Honduras
- Amazon Vision

Green economy and SCP

- Macro-level support: economic stimulus packages, GE policies and plans, fiscal policy/taxation, analyzing contribution of natural capital to economies, policy development, investment shifts
- Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) with UNIDO, UNITAR and ILO
- Analysis and compilation of **innovative legislation** and regulatory instruments
- Assessment and indicators: Resource Efficiency—Economics and Outlook; Material Flows Analysis
- Regional Council of Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Sustainable public procurement and ecolabelling (combined approach to improve performance of products through lifecycle)
- Sustainable tourism and Green Passport Campaign (e.g., Greening of World Cup)
- Resource efficient and cleaner production in **Small and Medium Enterprises**: UNEP/UNIDO National Cleaner Production Centres, eco-innovation tools, waste minimization and waste-to-energy
- UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative



Thank you!



