



How Can Biodiversity Be Preserved?



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SUBJECTS

Economics

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This book contains a series of activities designed to teach students about important issues in biological preservation, as well as challenges and questions faced by policy makers. There are six principal activities in the collection dealing with species preservation, regenerative or sustainable use, the establishment of biosphere reserves, eco-tourism, public/private partnerships, and organizational structure behind policy decisions. For each activity, background information, an outline, extension questions, and handout masters are provided. Supportive materials include maps, charts, text, and lists of additional resources. Supplementing the main activities are two orienting activities on the concept of biodiversity and a closing activity that involves developing a local action plan. The text of the Convention of Biological Diversity is included in the appendix. The package includes two extra sets of activity cards.

Grade Level
6-10

Length
120 pages

Date Published
1996

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L I N E

"Fosters an understanding of how issues can be investigated and plans developed."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Encourages research and inquiry. Ensures balance by involving students in role-play activities.	Little mention of the opinions of native people cited in case studies.
	Depth	Includes both local and global concerns. Links concepts to real-life situations.	Student resource cards provide only minimal information.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Employs fact-finding, data analysis, and decision-making skills.	
	Action Orientation	Demonstrates impact individuals can have.	
	Instructional Soundness	Involves cooperative group work and other learning modes. Clearly states goals and objectives.	Only the final activity takes students out of the classroom.
Usability	Student materials are easy to reproduce. Binder format allows for addition of updated information or additional activities.		

"I wish there was more contact with the real world—I would do some of that at the onset, as an introduction."

"Enough of a variety of materials to make the whole worthwhile."