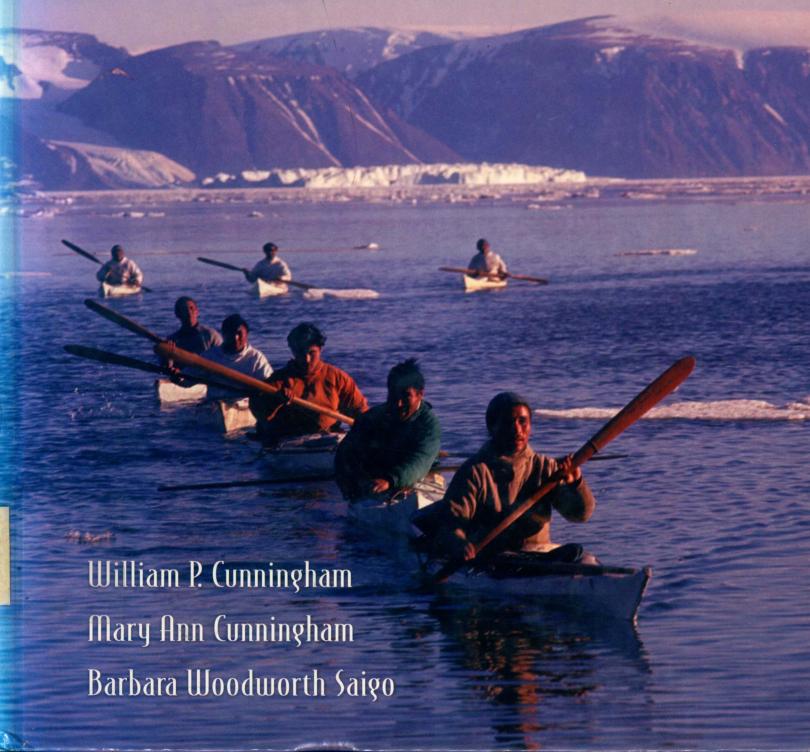


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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD

Our world is changing rapidly. Our physical environment is being degraded by global climate change, species extinctions, habitat loss, pollution, and other human-caused disruptions. Our social or cultural environment is stressed by unsustainable population growth, increasing gaps between the rich and poor, and sudden social, political, and economic shifts. Pollution drifts between continents. Diseases spread rapidly between countries. The coal burned in China, the nuclear waste dumped in the ocean by the former USSR, or the pesticides used on farms in Central America affect us all. Increasingly, we compete with people in far-away places for the same scarce energy, food, and water resources.

At the same time, we are seeing unparalleled innovations in environmental management and ecological design. Many cities and industries are developing ingenious strategies for ecological efficiency and sustainability. Rapid information exchange allows unprecedented opportunities for creating sustainable economies. To understand these changes, we all need to learn about our global environment—both natural and cultural—in order to find ways to live sustainably in this transformed world.

Our purpose in writing this book is to introduce a global concern into the field of environmental science, as well as to link the science of our environmental change to the human dimensions of problem solving and decision making. Globalizing economies require attention to the environmental problems and opportunities we all share. Ecology, evolution, biogeography, and other natural sciences form a core in the study of our environment, but we need to understand the human dimensions of environmental problems as well, if we hope to find lasting solutions to the dilemmas we face. To accomplish this goal, we have expanded the field of environmental science to include a discussion of ethics and philosophy, health, economics, policy and planning, urban studies, law, and political science. We hope this interdisciplinary approach will give students a broad base for examining an array of important issues.

### WHAT SETS THIS BOOK APART?

Although several environmental science books already exist in the market, a variety of features make this text different from the rest.

#### Global perspective

We provide a global perspective. We live in an interconnected world and, increasingly, colleges and universities promote interna-

tional studies. To remain competitive in a global economy, it is critical that we understand foreign countries and cultures. We hope that this international perspective will contribute to that educational initiative. Our case studies and examples show the integration between environmental, social, and economic conditions in the United States and abroad. At the same time, we provide familiar examples that demonstrate here at home the urgency of the issues we discuss.

#### **Emphasis** on science

Science helps us understand environmental change. The underlying principles and methods of science help us understand the processes of environmental change. The examples and explanations found in the text will help students appreciate why scientific inquiry is such an important and exciting approach for modern society. Our "Exploring Science" essays give examples of how scientists work, how we observe and understand the practical details of science.

#### Critical thinking

Critical thinking is a central theme. Environmental science is a complex field, one in which special interests, contradictory data, and conflicting interpretations battle for our attention. How can we decide what to believe when different experts hold contradictory opinions on controversial topics? Perhaps the most valuable skill any student can gain from the study of environmental science is the ability to think purposively, analytically, and clearly about evidence. In brief "Think About It" boxes and in longer "What Do You Think?" essays, we encourage students to reflect on readings and to practice open-mindedness, skepticism, independence, and an ability to empathize with others. We discuss all these skills in the unique introductory chapter of this book titled, "Learning to Learn," and then model their application throughout the text and questions at the end of each chapter.

#### **Balanced** presentation

A balanced, optimistic view keeps students engaged. We encourage students to form their own opinions. Environmental science has many dilemmas, and we present multiple views on complex debates. While acknowledging dilemmas, we also are careful to describe good news, progress toward solutions, and the many ways individuals can make positive contributions toward environmental protection. We also recognize that there are multiple ways to interpret data, and we attempt to find a balance between competing views.

#### CHANGES TO THE NINTH EDITION

The ninth edition of *Environmental Science: A Global Concern* is the result of extensive analysis of the text and evaluation of input from instructors who constructively reviewed chapters during various stages of this revision. Listed first are general changes that have been made to the entire text, followed by more specific changes to various chapters. Visit <a href="http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e">http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e</a> to access a detailed list of changes for each chapter.

#### Global changes

- A new lively and colorful design presents information that will capture and hold student attention.
- Current, global case studies with accompanying graphs, maps, and photos now introduce each chapter. The concepts presented are then expanded throughout the chapter to help students appreciate and understand how environmental issues impact our lives on a daily basis. Forty-five additional case studies can also be found on the textbook's website (http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e).
- Two hundred twenty-five figures and photos are new or revised, providing students with more realistic images that reflect current data and illustrate changing topics.
- New "Think About It" boxes provide several opportunities in each chapter for students to review material, practice critical thinking, or apply principles they have just read.
- Twelve new or updated "Exploring Science" boxed readings throughout the text allow students to focus on the underlying principles and methods of science.
- · Each chapter has an updated "Further Readings" list.
- A NEW Subject and Internet Index allows the reader to quickly scan the subject Index to identify correlating content located on the website (<a href="http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e">http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e</a>). Supporting Web content for Environmental Science: A Global Concern features a NEW Index for quick and efficient search capabilities.

#### Specific changes

- Chapter 1—new opening case study on climate change in the Arctic (and effect on Inuit people) that correlates to the image on the cover; new "What Do You Think?" box on ecological footprints; new graphs of ecological footprints by world region.
- Chapter 2—revised to emphasize science and systems approaches.
- Chapter 4—includes greatly enhanced coverage of evolution and speciation.
- Chapter 5—maintains and builds coverage of marine ecosystems as well as adding climate graphs to biome discussions.
- Chapter 7—updated data on global population trends and family planning policies.

- Chapter 9—new opening case study on rapid expansion of farming in Brazil; added discussions on CAFOs, desertification, and China's efforts to stop spread of deserts.
- Chapter 10—rewritten section on pesticide history.
- Chapter 11—new section on molecular taxonomy.
- Chapter 12—new material on the Monteverde cloud forest, Brazil's Atlantic rainforest, and the Malpai borderlands; added extensive section on new methods of fire management.
- Chapter 14—new opening case study on the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami; new section and table on worst natural disasters; new discussion on earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Chapter 15—new material of ice core research and volcanoes; major revision of evidence for climate change; major revision of section on Kyoto and carbon trading.
- Chapter 16—new opening case study on mercury pollution; new section on new source review and the 2005 Clean Air Interstate Rule.
- Chapter 18—new opening case study on the Gulf of Mexico dead zone.
- Chapter 19—revised discussions of the history of energy use and modern energy use; added material on oil exploration and directional drilling; revised section on natural gas supplies and use.
- Chapter 21—expanded coverage of commercial-scale recycling programs.
- Chapter 22—new opening case study on the BedZED sustainable living project in London; expanded discussion of sustainable cities.
- Chapter 23—new opening case study on market mechanisms (cap-and-trade system) for controlling carbon emissions.
- Chapter 25—new section on stewardship and environmental science; increased emphasis on shared interests of minority groups, businesses, and others in environmental quality.

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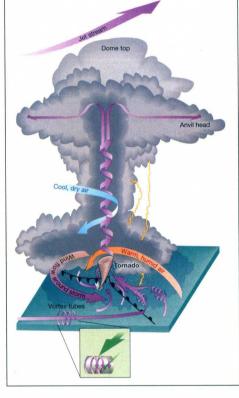
Figure 5.10 Temperate rainhave abundant but often seasonal precipitation that supports magnificent trees and luxuriant understory vegetation. Often these forests experience dry summers.



Figure 5.1 Coral polyps are animals containing photosynthetic algae within their tissues. Corals filter food from the water but are also nourished by their symbiotic algae.



Figure 10.17 A Nigerian woman





(a) Survive to old age







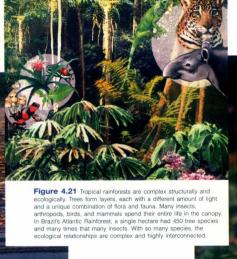


Figure 12.7 Workers move logs into a paper mill in Oregon, part of a \$100 billion per year global trade in forest products.



Figure 5.22 Wetlands support astonishing and important biodiversity, though they are often small. Like most herons and egrets, this great egret subsists mainly on frogs and salamanders it finds in wetlands.

## INQUIRY AND CRITICAL THINKING

How to convey the excitement and challenge of scientific investigation? These innovative tools provide a framework for "thinking and acting" like a scientist.

"Exploring Science", "What Do You Think?", "What Can You Do?", and "Think About It" boxes build upon chapter content and encourage students to practice critical thinking skills and formulate reasoned opinions.

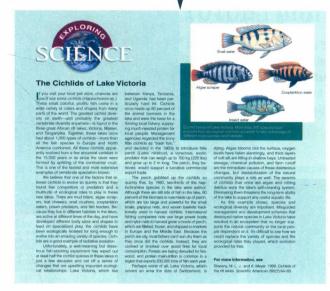
#### Think About It

Why might you and your mother rank some risks differently? List some activities on which the two of you might disagree.

New "Think About It" boxes provide several opportunities in each chapter for students to review material, practice critical thinking, or apply principles they have just read.



Twelve new or updated "Exploring Science" boxed readings throughout the text allow students to focus on the underlying principles and methods of science.



#### What Can You DO?

#### Working Locally for Ecological Diversity

You might think that diversity and complexity of ecological systems are too large or too abstract for you to have any influence. But you can contribute to a complex, resilient, and interesting ecosystem, whether you live in the inner city, a suburb, or

- Keep your cat indoors. Our lovable domestic cats are also very successful predators. Migratory birds, especially those nesting on the ground, have a control of the province.
- precisions. Migratory prints, especiality index nearing on the ground, have not evolved defenses against these predators (What Do You Think? P. 92).

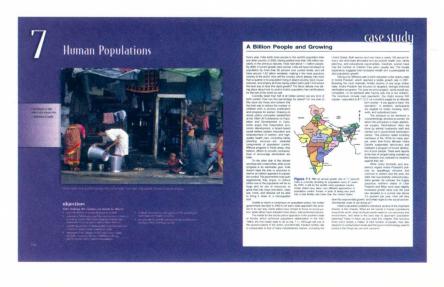
  Plant a butterfly garden. Use native plants that support a diverse insect population. Native trees with berries or fruit also support birds. (Be sure to avoi non-native invasive species: see chapter 11). Allow structural diversity (open
- Join a local environmental organization. Often, the best way to be effective is to concentrate your efforts close to home. City parks and neighborhoods support ecological communities, as do farming and rural areas. Join an organization working to maintain ecosystem health, start by looking for environmental clubs at your school, park organizations, a local Audubon chapter, or a local Nature.
- Take walks. The best way to learn about ecological systems in your area is to take walks and practice observing your environment. Go with friends and try to identify
- Live in town. Suburban sprawl consumes wildfile habitat and reduces ecosyste complexity by removing many specialized plants and animals. Replacing forest and grasslands with lawns and streets is the surest way to simplify, or eliminate.

"What Can You Do?" boxes help students learn that small, individual steps can make a real difference in affecting our environment.

"What Do You Think?" boxes provide challenging case studies that offer an opportunity for students to practice critical thinking skills as well as to learn about an important current issue.

### CASE STUDIES

Case studies are an integral instructional aid that utilizes stories to portray real-life issues that affect our resources, our food, our quality of life, and our future. Forty-five additional case studies can be found on the website (http://www.mhhe.com/cunningham9e).

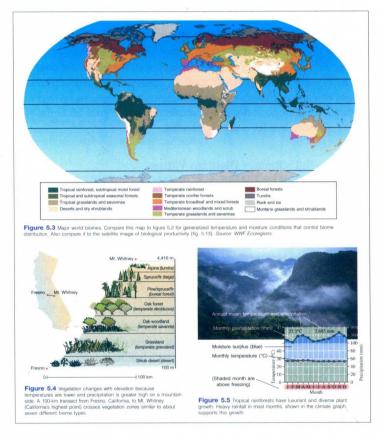


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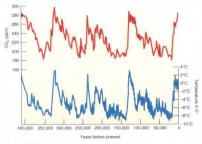


Figure 15.16 Almospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and global mean temperatures estimated for the antarctic Vostok ice core. Note the relatively rapid changes and close correlation in both climate and atmospheric chemistry. Source: Data from United Nations Environment Programme.

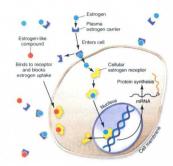


Figure 8.11 Steroid hormone action. Plasma hormone carriers deliver regulatory molecules to the cell surface, where they cross the cell membrane. Intracellular carriers deliver hormones to the nucleus, where they bind to and regulate expression of DNA. Estrogen-like compounds bind to recaptors and either block uptake of endogenous

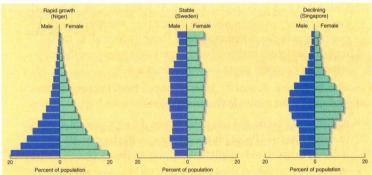
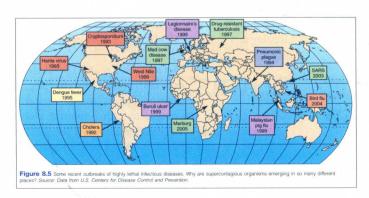


Figure 7.10 Age structure graphs for rapidly growing, stable, and declining populations. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003.



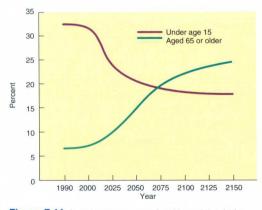


Figure 7.11 Changing age structure of world population. In the twenty-first century, children under 15 years of age will make up a smaller percentage of world population, while people over 65 years old will make up a rapidly rising share of the population.

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