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PREFACE

Environmental studies can be defined as: “the degree to which people have an objective and well-informed understanding of environmental issues.” Today, it is extremely important to have a understanding of environmental issues. This is because the human is engaged in a wide range of activities that are causing enormous damage to the ecosystems that sustain both our species and Earth’s biodiversity. All around us, this is witnessed by pollution, climate warming, collapsing fisheries, deforestation, the degradation of agricultural soil, extinctions and endangerment of species, and other damages.

Achieving a transformation will depend on citizens having a sound understanding of environmental issues. Any imposition of restrictions on access to resources will initially be uncomfortable for many people. Nevertheless, I believe that people will be more willing to soften their lifestyle if they understand the reasons for those changes in the context of the livelihoods of future generations and ecological sustainability more generally. With such an understanding, most people will support economic and social changes that conserve the quality of their future environments.

Within that context, this book was developed to help students to have an objective and well-informed understanding of important environmental issues.

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