



**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
*FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT*

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# Environmental Management for Sustainable Development

## Second Edition

Environmental management is a wide, expanding, and rapidly evolving field, which concerns all humans, and plays a crucial role in the quest for sustainable development. Environmental management affects everybody from individual citizens, farmers, administrators and lawyers, to businesses, governments, international agencies and non-governmental organisations.

This updated second edition explores the nature and role of environmental management, covering key principles and practice, and offers a comprehensive and understandable introduction, which points readers to further in-depth coverage. This new edition reflects the rapid expansion and evolution of the field and focuses much more strongly on sustainable development. There has also been extensive rearrangement to make the book more accessible to those unfamiliar with environmental management and lacking a science background and there is greater coverage of topics such as key resources under stress, environmental management tools and urban environmental management. Among the key themes covered are:

- sustainable development
- proactive approaches
- the precautionary principle
- the 'polluter-pays' principle
- the need for humans to be less vulnerable and more adaptable.

With rapid expansion and evolution of the subject it is easy for those starting to study it to get disorientated, but *Environmental Management for Sustainable Development* offers a structured coverage and foundation for further, more-focused interest. The book is a much revised, restructured and updated second edition accessible to all readers. It is illustrated throughout with figures, plates and case studies.

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## Preface to the second edition

This book explores the nature, scope and role of environmental management, with a strong focus on sustainable development. It offers a foundation for a series of texts which deal with the application of environmental management, including:

*Environmental Risk Management*  
*Managing Environmental Pollution*  
*Coastal and Estuarine Management*  
*Countryside Management*  
*Environmental Assessment in Practice*

Environmental management is a broad and rapidly evolving discipline. This book explores the subject's core themes and principles, which include:

- a goal of sustainable development;
- a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary or holistic approach;
- support for the 'polluter-pays principle';
- concern for limits, hazards and potential;
- an attempt to act beyond the local or project level;
- support for long-term not just short-term planning;
- adherence to the 'precautionary principle';
- translation of theory to effective practice;
- the integration of environmental science, planning and management, policy making and public involvement;
- an awareness of the need to change the ethics of peoples, businesses and governments.

The decision was made to prepare a second edition in 2004, five years after the publication of the original. This was prompted by considerable development of the field marked by: the appearance of many new taught courses; the expansion of media coverage; increasing government, agency and citizen interest. This new edition, as well as being updated, seeks to better address sustainable development, key resource issues,

urban environments, environmental change and tourism. The evolution of environmental management tools and approaches and the expansion of Internet sources also necessitated some updating. Since the late 1990s there has been increased involvement of social scientists, lawyers, business, politicians and economists in environmental management, and its use has spread beyond developed countries.

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