

Sustaining Life on Earth: How the Convention on Biological Diversity Promotes Nature and Human Well-being; Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2000; 2000; Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity; 9789280719048

Sustaining Life on Earth. PDF Version (500 KB). How the Convention on Biological Diversity promotes nature and human well-being. Contents. The Web of Life. A changing World. Call for Action. National Level. International Level. "Sustaining Life is the best work ever about what biodiversity means to human health." - Donald Kennedy, President Emeritus of Stanford University and Former Editor-in-Chief of Science. "This remarkable volume Sustaining Life will be an important text for our introductory majors' course, Foundations of Biological Diversity, this fall at Harvard." This important and compelling book is a blueprint for acting wisely and urgently."--Bill Moyers, former White House Press Secretary, Host of PBS's Bill Moyers Journal. Sustaining Life is the best and most comprehensive resource available demonstrating how human health depends on the health of the natural world."--Gro Brundtland, former Director-General of the World Health Organization, former Prime Minister of Norway. Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, QC. 21,757 likes 826 talking about this 213 were here. The CBD has 3 main objectives: the conservation... "The achievement of the three objectives of the Convention is crucial for sustainable development, poverty eradication and the improvement of human well-being and a major factor underpinning the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals." With these words, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2011-2020 to be the UN Decade on Biodiversity. As the Decade comes to a close, we're looking back at some of the key moments. Read the full UN Resolution: <https://www.cbd.int/undb/goals/undb-unresolution.pdf>. The Earth's biodiversity-the rich variety of life on our planet-is disappearing at an alarming rate. And while many books have focused on the expected ecological consequences, or on the aesthetic, ethical, sociological, or economic dimensions of this loss, Sustaining Life is the first book to examine the full range of potential threats that diminishing biodiversity poses to human health. Center for Health and the Global Environment, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Programa de les Nacions Unides per a la Defensa del Medi, United Nations Development Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, United Nations Environment Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature, IUCN--The World Conservation Union. Context - Biodiversity contributes to many aspects of human well-being, for instance by providing raw materials and contributing to health. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment shows that human actions often lead to irreversible losses in terms of diversity of life on Earth and these losses have been more rapid in the past 50 years than ever before in human history. What factors are responsible for this rapid loss? What would need to be done to significantly slow this trend? This Digest is a faithful summary of the leading scientific consensus report produced in 2005 by the Millennium Ecosystem