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Conservation Science: Balancing The Needs Of People And Nature





Synopsis

Conservation Science is the first textbook to teach the scientific foundations of conservation biology while highlighting strategies to better connect its practice with the needs and priorities of a growing human population.

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I happened across this book as I was purchasing my books for "Intro to Environmental Studies," and I knew this book was a 'must-read.' While, I'm only about 1/4 of the way through the book -- the light bulb came on in regards to how individually and collectively each of us can and must play a part in ensuring we minimize our impact on our planet. Small conscientious choices and decisions by individuals and society can make a difference in our homes, communities, cities, states and globally. It is easy to ask "Why doesn't someone do something -- only to realize YOU are someone!" Once you become actively engaged in the consideration of balancing nature's needs with humans needs vs. wants -- you may become a convert. =) While conservation is a passion of mine, as well as my husband and our two boys, it has really opened my eyes to how much more I'm capable of doing, and to help others understand the importance of conservation, but more importantly -- how simple it can be and how vital it is to all of us -- nature, animals and humans."We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us.When we see land as a community to which we belong,we may begin to use it with love and respect." ~ Aldo Leopold

Peter Kareiva has written an excellent book - one that offers HOPE. He is probably not much liked

by the extremists, but his logical and practical approach is worth a second look. Although I do not agree with some of the things especially the whole issue of "global warming" as it is touted, his ideas speak more of keeping and dressing the world we have been given. He pulls no punches with the need for hard decisions, and he is clear that it will not be a 'happily ever after' but a world husbanded and nurtured to the best of (noble) man's ability. Not only should this be a part of environmental sciences, but also in planning - urban and rural.

I know it seems strange to call a textbook "a good read", but this textbook is a great resource for anyone interested in conservation biology and ecology.

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