

The Global Environment Outlok 5

An indicator based assessment

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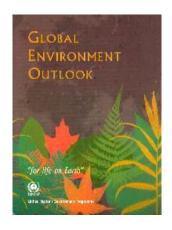
- Mandated to keep under review, the state and trends of the global environment
- Assessment report published approximately every 5 years
- Circulation:
 - -15,000 copies of GEO-4 widely distributed or sold;
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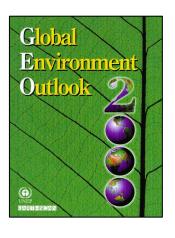


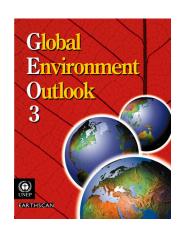


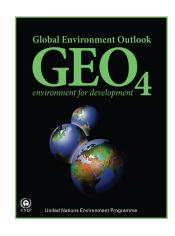


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The Process: Multi-disciplinary, engaging partners, collaborating centres, science and policy experts worldwide and building capacity for developing countries.

The Product: State, trends, outlook of the global environment; Main Assessment report and a Summary for Policy Makers.





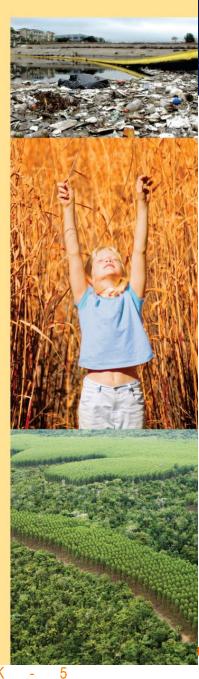
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Indicators for keeping trends

- GEO-5 an indicator based update of the state and trends of the global environment in relation to internationally agreed goals.
 - Will evaluate success and gaps in achieving internationally agreed goals and their indicative implications for human wellbeing.
- Central aims to achieve a concise as possible presentation of 'state and trends' so that data can be collected and interpreted in a reasonable time frame



GEO Report characteristics

- Most up-to-date information on the state, trends and outlook of the environment
- Focuses on the analysis of policy options that have the potential to help countries speed up realization of key internationally agreed environmental goals.
- Considers pathways of sustainable change and innovation needed over the long-term and
- Provides regional and global perspectives on issues under consideration at the UNCSD (RIO+20) which will help inform the Conference
- Provides "Key messages" to guide deliberations at regional preparatory meetings and Rio+20



Reference questions

- Knowledge of GEO
- Knowledge of environmental indicators
- Understanding of the story they tell
- Do you have enough information to prepare participation to Rio+20
- Your understanding of what indicators tell us about why we should go to Rio?
- What can the GEO process do to help prepare?

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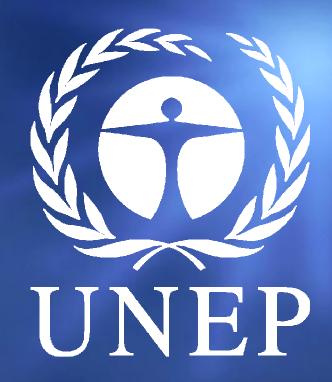
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