

THE PROTECTION OF NATURE

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Human beings today do not insist on the need to protect nature in order to retain this planet's equilibrium. We never stop asserting that "nature is one and indivisible". Everyone should contribute to preserve nature from degradation and destruction affecting human, animal and vegetal life.

Bios (life) to which our own existence is attached, must be protected. It is a natural gift. Bios activities should be given priority and become the focal point of all adequate environmental policies, given that our main objective is to provide people with a better quality of life.

In Senegal, Nature Protection policies consist of the preservation and rehabilitation of all factors concerning vegetal life (water, forests, soil, replanting activities), animal life (species threatened by hunting or fishing, national parks, etc.) and human life (life conditions, fighting against pollution or other natural damages).

All development policies should also take care of the quality of life of the above three domains which are integral parts of a system where the failure of one main element may lead to disordered and unbalanced situations which are the sources of modern problems on our planet.

Some of these problems are signs of our belonging to the Third World and have specific names: underdevelopment, desertification-aridity, malnutrition, famine, war, pollution, natural damages, etc.. These all have a destructive affect on life. Prevention of these evils is needed in the next millennium. It is, therefore, of utmost importance that everyone is conscious of and sensitive to this reality, in order to allow for the preservation of bios (human, animal and vegetal) to become the principal goal of our existence on earth.

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