

**ABSTRACT**

**ENDANGERED ENVIRONMENT THREATENS THE HUMAN SECURITY**

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This article reviews research on global environmental change and human security, providing the retrospective and tentative views of this field. As human populations have increased dramatically over the last few hundred years, it is mirrored by similar expanding pressures on the natural world. The environment is one of the most important aspect that sustains mankind. Despite its importance, the environment still remains the most abused by man in the form of pollution, deforestation and attack on biological diversity to extinction. The relationship between the environment and human security are certainly close and complex. The increasing scope of human security now readily includes environmental degradation, global warming, and climate change. The concept of sustainable development attempts to balance the scale between the quantity of development and quality of environment. The effort is to see that the development does not disturb this scale when its effects on the local and global environment are weighed. The concept of environmental security, on the other hand, has become increasingly divorced from its potentially heterodox and critical roots in human security. The precautionary principle is one of the important principles under the concept of sustainable development. Similarly the paper discusses the different principles of environmental law and protection that have arisen to ensure sustainable development. Given the crosscutting and trans-boundary nature of environmental threats, the author concludes that any development policy actions designated to mitigate environmental threats may maximize their impacts if they transcend institutional and regional boundaries, and are embedded in broader institutional collaboration.