

# Implications of Resource Dependency



Resource dependency is an open-system theory that states that all organizations exchange resources with the environment as a condition for survival. The need to acquire resources creates dependencies between organizations and external units, which ultimately can cause social, economic, and obviously environmental problems.

**What are the environmental, economic, and social implications of resource dependency for humans?** First, let's take a look at three industries that have various impacts due to their dependence on natural resources. Get together with people that have the same case study you've been given and be prepared to summarize your case to the class in a matter of minutes.

Next, let's brainstorm other industries that heavily rely on natural resources for their success, and categorize them by what type of impact they are most likely to have (economic, environmental, or social). If you had the farmers case study, think up other industries that have economic implications. If you had the tourists case study, ... Be prepared to share your new cases, and take notes on all of the cases presented in the spaces below.

## **Economic Implications of Resource Dependency**

- Farmers
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## **Environmental Implications of Resource Dependency**

- Tourists
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## **Social Implications of Resource Dependency**

- Lumberjacks
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