

# NGOs Protecting the Environment

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Few disagree on the importance of environmental protection. Many disagree on how. As a result, global and regional agreements have proliferated. There are currently over 130 multilateral environmental agreements. NGOs intervention has become ubiquitous on national and international environmental policy making. In a context where there is considerable uncertainty about the problems, impact, and effective response, NGOs have substantial influence.

## **Major Environmental NGOs**

- Friends of the Earth
- Greenpeace
- Canadian Wildlife Federation
- Nature Conservancy
- Sierra Club
- Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
- World Wildlife Fund

## **Other Environmental NGOs**

- Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
- Alburnus Maior
- Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Climate Institute
- Conservation International Foundation
- Earth Council
- Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund
- Environmental Defense, Inc.
- Environmental Working Group
- Green Cross International
- Humane Society of the United States
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals
- International Fund for Animal Welfare
- National Audubon Society, Inc.
- National Wildlife Federation
- Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.
- Pollution Probe
- Rainforest Action Network
- Rainforest Alliance
- Resources for the Future, Inc.
- Ruckus Society, Inc.
- World Resources Institute

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Research your assigned environmental NGO under the following headings. You will require a comprehensive knowledge of the workings of environmental NGOs in order to assess their effectiveness in a project to be assigned later!

Mission / Vision

History / Origin

Programs / Activities

Staff / Advisors / Board of Directors

Offices / Membership

Success Stories