

FACTS AND FIGURES

Country	International Protection Systems ^a				Marine and Coastal Protected Areas ^b		Globally Threatened Fish Species (Number)
	Biosphere Reserves		Wetlands of International Importance		Number	Area (000 ha)	
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Brunei Darussalam	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cambodia	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
China	9	2,247	6	529	20	1,184	7
Indonesia	6	1,482	1	163	68	8,941	29
DPR Korea	1	132	--	--	--	--	--
Rep. Korea	1	37	--	--	3	285	--
Malaysia	--	--	--	--	9	52	6
Philippines	2	1,174	--	--	5	31	21
Singapore	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Thailand	3	26	--	--	10	625	13
Vietnam	--	--	1	12	2	34	4

Notes: NA - not available; * - Areas listed often include nationally protected systems; -- Country is not a party to the Ramsar Convention of 1971/World Heritage Convention of 1982. Source: World Resources Institute, 1994-1995, pp. 318-319

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If we produce a million dollars worth of carcinogens, this weighs as much as the Gross National Product (GNP) scale as a million dollars worth of antibiotics. If we hire a housekeeper, this counts in the GNP; but when one's spouse manages the household, this doesn't count. Teaching counts, but learning doesn't. GNP gives no measure of the hungry, the unemployed, the sick, the ill-housed, the illiterate, the oppressed, the frightened, the unhappily employed, or those who have reached the highest level of fulfillment. Furthermore, it does not measure the waste of resources, the spending of our natural capital such as oil, or the befoulment of our life support systems.

Russell Petersen, Former Head, White House Council on Environmental Quality on the problem of using GNP as a guideline for progress.

Source: Miller, G.T., Jr. 1994. *Sustaining the Earth: An Integrated Approach*, p. 306. Wadsworth Publishing Co., California, USA

