

Environmental Policy Foundations

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1. Which international treaty, signed in 1973, regulates the cross-border trade of endangered plants and animals?

A) CITES

B) The Kyoto Protocol

C) The Montreal Protocol

D) The Paris Agreement

2. In the United States, which act is primarily responsible for the protection of species at risk of extinction?

A) Clean Air Act

B) Endangered Species Act

C) National Environmental Policy Act

D) Wilderness Act

3. The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty dedicated to the conservation and sustainable use of which specific ecosystem?

A) Coral reefs

B) Tropical rainforests

C) Wetlands

D) Tundra biomes

4. Under the 1987 Montreal Protocol, what specific human-made substances were phased out to protect the ozone layer?

A) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)

B) Sulfur dioxide

C) Methane

D) Carbon monoxide

5. Which Australian legislation provides the legal framework for the protection of matters of national environmental significance?

A) The Wildlife Protection Act

B) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act

C) The Great Barrier Reef Authority Act

D) The National Parks Act

6. What is the primary objective of the 'Blue Belt' policy implemented by the United Kingdom in its Overseas Territories?

- A) Restricting commercial shipping lanes
- B) Protecting marine environments and biodiversity**
- C) Increasing offshore oil extraction
- D) Regulating whale hunting quotas

7. The 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) in the United States prohibits the 'take' of marine mammals, which is defined as what?

- A) Feeding in the wild
- B) Hunting, capturing, or harassing**
- C) Scientific observation
- D) Keeping in a private aquarium

8. Which global agreement specifically addresses the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change as a legally binding treaty?

- A) The Basel Convention
- B) The Paris Agreement**
- C) The Bonn Convention
- D) The Stockholm Convention