

# Environmental Policy Foundations

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**1. Which international agreement was designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out substances like CFCs?**

- A) The Kyoto Protocol
- B) The Montreal Protocol
- C) The Paris Agreement
- D) The Basel Convention

**2. What is the primary purpose of the Endangered Species Act in the United States?**

- A) To promote pet ownership
- B) To protect species at risk of extinction
- C) To increase logging exports
- D) To encourage urban expansion

**3. Which government body in Australia is primarily responsible for managing national environmental legislation?**

- A) Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- B) The local school board
- C) The Bureau of Weights and Measures
- D) The Department of Finance

**4. What does the acronym CITES stand for in the context of international wildlife trade?**

- A) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
- B) Council of Internal Technical Environmental Systems
- C) Center for Inter-territorial Ecosystem Standards
- D) Committee for Integrated Taxonomic Evaluation Studies

**5. Which global environmental goal aims to reduce the impacts of climate change by limiting global temperature increases?**

- A) The Paris Agreement
- B) The Gold Standard
- C) The Ocean Cleanup
- D) The Wildlife Act

**6. What is a 'Marine Protected Area' (MPA) designated to do?**

- A) Increase commercial fishing quotas
- B) Protect marine ecosystems and biodiversity
- C) Promote deep-sea mining
- D) Build more coastal hotels

**7. Which treaty is specifically focused on the protection of wetlands of international importance?**

- A) The Ramsar Convention
- B) The Geneva Convention
- C) The Antarctic Treaty
- D) The Forest Accord

**8. What is the main goal of the 'Clean Air Act' implemented in many countries?**

- A) To mandate car racing speeds
- B) To regulate emissions that cause air pollution
- C) To promote indoor incense burning
- D) To tax oxygen usage

**9. What is the purpose of 'National Parks' in public policy?**

- A) To build shopping centers
- B) To preserve natural landscapes and wildlife habitats
- C) To sell timber for construction
- D) To provide land for private housing

**10. Which protocol focuses on the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources?**

- A) The Nagoya Protocol
- B) The Tokyo Treaty
- C) The London Agreement
- D) The Canberra Act

**11. What is the 'IUCN Red List' primarily used for?**

- A) Tracking stock market trends
- B) Assessing the extinction risk of species
- C) Listing invasive garden plants
- D) Categorizing types of zoo food

**12. Which policy tool is often used to discourage the use of single-use plastic bags?**

- A) Plastic bag bans or levies
- B) Mandatory plastic production
- C) Subsidies for plastic factories
- D) Banning all paper bags

**13. What does 'Sustainable Development' policy prioritize?**

- A) Maximum resource exploitation
- B) Meeting present needs without compromising future generations
- C) Rapid industrialization only
- D) Unlimited forest clearing

**14. What does the 'Antarctic Treaty System' govern?**

- A) Fishing rights in the Mediterranean
- B) The use of Antarctica for peaceful, scientific purposes
- C) Mining rights in the Sahara
- D) Urban planning in Sydney

**15. Which international body coordinates the global response to climate change through science-based reports?**

- A) IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
- B) FIFA
- C) NASA
- D) The World Health Organization

**16. What is the purpose of an 'Environmental Impact Assessment' (EIA)?**

- A) To predict the environmental consequences of a proposed project
- B) To write poetry about nature
- C) To increase taxes on farmers
- D) To design eco-friendly clothing

**17. What is the 'Basel Convention' intended to regulate?**

- A) The movement of hazardous wastes between nations
- B) International dog shows
- C) The speed of ocean currents
- D) Global bird migration patterns

**18. Which policy framework protects migratory birds that travel between different countries?**

- A) Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- B) The Building Code of Australia
- C) The Mining Act
- D) The Water Irrigation Policy

**19. What is the primary function of the 'Environmental Protection Agency' (EPA) in various countries?**

- A) To enforce laws protecting human health and the environment
- B) To design sports stadiums
- C) To manage bank interest rates
- D) To organize annual carnivals

**20. Which type of policy mechanism puts a price on carbon emissions to reduce greenhouse gases?**

- A) Carbon pricing or tax
- B) Luxury import tax
- C) Salary cap
- D) Property maintenance fee