**ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY FOR YOUTH**

***Below are the series of personal questions regarding demographic data. Please circle your answer:***

1. **Gender:**

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| a. | female |
| b. | male |

1. **How old are you:**

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| a. | 15 – 18 | b. | 19 - 22 | c. | 23 - 25 |

1. **Which of the following alternatives characterize the region where you grew up?**

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| a. | Rural | b. | Urban |
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1. **Which of the following alternatives characterize your living area?**

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| a. | Rural | b. | Urban |
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1. **What is your most preferred activitiy for entertainment?**

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| a. | Sports |
| b. | Outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, boating, etc. |
| c. | Indoor activities such as reading, watching TV, computers, etc. |
| d. | Social activities |
| e. | Gardening |
| f. | Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

***Please indicate how often you have had following experiences by circling the option that best represents you.***

**1 = Never 2 = Seldom 3 = Often 4 = Very often**

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| **1** | Participating in outdoor experiences such as camping and fishing. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **2** | Having your parents or grandparents encourage you to care for the environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **3** | Having a teacher encourage you to care for the environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **4** | Watching television programs with an environmental message. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **5** | Reading books or magazines with an environmental message. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

**Please indicate how you feel local environmental issues, of your region, have become since you have lived here.**

**1 = Much worse 2 = Worse 3 = Better 4 = Much better**

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| **6** | The water quality in your local streams, rivers, and lakes. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **7** | The level of pollution or waste produced by nearby businesses, farms, and industries. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **8** | The misuse of chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **9** | Water shortage. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **10** | The number of exotic animals and plants. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **11** | Wetland protection. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **12** | Endangered species protection. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **13** | The population of native animals such as fish, birds, and mammals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **14** | The overall environmental state of *insert the name of your country* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

***Please indicate how concerned you are about the following environmental issues in insert the name of your country.***

**1 = Not concerned at all 2 = Somewhat concerned 3 = Concerned 4 = Very concerned**

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| **15** | Water pollution from industries, farmland, and urban development. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **16** | The conditions of wetlands and nature preserves. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **17** | Water shortage. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **18** | Unlimited development of cities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **19** | Solid waste management. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **20** | Endangered species. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

***Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with following statements.***

**1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Agree 4 = Strongly Agree**

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| **22** Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **23** When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **24** Science and technology can overcome any environmental problem. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **25** Humans are severely abusing the environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **26** The Earth has plenty of natural resources if we just learn how to develop them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **27** Plants and animals have as much right as humans to exist. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **28** The balance of nature is strong enough to cope with the impacts of modern industrial nations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **29** Despite our special abilities humans are still subject to the laws of nature. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **30** The so-called “ecological crisis” facing humankind has been greatly exaggerated. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **31** The Earth has very limited room and resources. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **32** Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **33** The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **34** Maintaining economic growth is more important than protecting the natural environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **35** If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **36** I am very well informed about environmental issues in *insert the name of your country*. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **37** I pay very little attention as environmental issues are reported by the news media, including radio, TV, newspapers, and magazines. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **38** Fishermen and hunters know a lot about environmental issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **39** Environmental education is as important as any other curriculum in school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **40** There is a lot I, as an individual, can do to protect the environment in my community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **41** I perceive myself as very concerned about environmental issues in my community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **42** I am willing to have my taxes increased to protect the environment in my community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **43** I would be willing to have the government reallocate existing money to protect the environment in my community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **44** One person can influence how environmental problems and issues are resolved. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **45** Personally, working as an individual and on your own, can influence the solution of environmental issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

***Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with following statements.***

**1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Agree 4 = Strongly Agree**

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| **46** | The use of powerful people is the most effective way to influence how environmental problems and issues are resolved. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **47** | Personally, working with others, can influence the solution of environmental issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **48** | Chance determines how environmental problems and issues are solved. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **49** | You can influence the resolution of environmental issues in your community using action strategies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

***Please circle Yes or No to indicate which actions you have taken on behalf of environmental issues. If you choose Yes, also indicate how effective you feel this action was.***

**1 = Not effective at all 2 = Slightly effective 3 = Fairly effective 4 = Very effective**

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| **50** | Wrote a letter to the newspaper | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **51** | Attended a meeting | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **52** | Made a formal submission to local government | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **53** | Read or sought information | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **54** | Wrote a letter to an organization or public official | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **55** | Telephone a public official | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **56** | Took part in a protest | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **57** | Complained to the company/person causing the damage | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **58** | Joined an action group | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **59** | Signed a petition | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **60** | Contributed money to an environmental cause | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **61** | Other (specify) . | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |
| **62** | None of the above | Yes | No | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 |

***Do you Agree or Disagree with each of the following statements?***

**1 = Disagree 2 = Agree**

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| **63** | Pollution in *insert the name of your country* rivers and streams comes mainly from farmland. | 1 | 2 |
| **64** | Most storm water drains and road gutters drain directly into streams, rivers or the sea. | 1 | 2 |
| **65** | Saving endangered plant species is just as important as saving endangered animal species. | 1 | 2 |
| **66** | The most effective way to save an endangered animal is to establish a large enough reserve for it to live and reproduce. | 1 | 2 |
| **67** | As the population in an area increases, the potential for pollution decreases. | 1 | 2 |
| **68** | Water animals should be protected because they control the water balance. | 1 | 2 |
| **69** | Most water for human consumption in *insert the name of your country* comes from rivers and lakes. | 1 | 2 |
| **70** | Each summer your neighborhood is sprayed with the same bug killer to control mosquitoes. After many years of spraying the same product the mosquitoes will likely become resistant to the spray. | 1 | 2 |

**71.** ***What do you think is the single most important environmental issue facing insert the name of your country? Please circle one.***

a. Water pollution b. Endangered species c. Exotic plants or animals

d. Wetland destruction e. Water shortage f. Air pollution

g. Unlimited development h. Solid waste i. Other

**72. What is the 2nd most important environmental issue facing *insert the name of your country*? Please circle one.**

a. Water pollution b. Endangered species c. Exotic plants or animals

d. Wetland destruction e. Water shortage f. Air pollution

g. Unlimited development h. Solid waste i. Other