

# Introduction

It deals with every aspect that affects a living organism. It is a multidisciplinary approach that brings about an appreciation of our natural world and human impact on its integrity.

## MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Ozone layer depletion - Ozone in stratosphere converts UV to IR which is less harmful. Hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica. The issue has resolved itself, by banning a lot of ozone depleting stuff and other measures. Ozone hole would be completely closed by 2040.
- Pollution
- Extinction
- Global Warming
- Resource depletion.
- Tragedy of the Commons - excessively using things for the short term and not thinking about the long term. eg over-grazing, borewells. In India, groundwater is becoming a tragedy of the commons issue.