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**Abstract**

The report is focused on showing the fact that ethics in general and environmental ethics in specific are important part of everyday interaction among different phenomenons. The moral that guide the environment are as much to be considered vital as any other principle of ethics. Environmental ethics is the study of ethical relationship between human beings and the natural environment, including the non human individuals that populate it. The major concept behind environmental ethics is that there must be a healthy association between the two entities in order for both of them to co-exist and prosper in a fine manner. Environmental ethics is broadly divided into two forms based on the disciple it follows as human-centered and nature-centered. While the former gives a huge emphasis on the well being of human beings the latter focuses on comfort and security of the nature itself.

**Introduction**

Ethics is a fascinating branch of knowledge that puts forward a set of moral principles which govern a person’s behaviour or conduct of an activity. When discussing about environmental ethics, it is likely that the cultural and economical background of a person is likely to influence his/her views. There are three fundamental attitudes considering the interaction with the environment. The developmental ethics that states the human race to be the master of nature and its resources exist for solely human benefit. Another preservation ethics suggests nature itself has intrinsic value and deserves protection. While conservation ethics recognizes the limitations of nature resources on the Earth and states unlimited economic or population growth is not feasible.The fundamental differences between each of these attitudes are the basis for debate and conflict in environmental policies today.

**Existing System**

The current issue that is facing environmental ethics is the problems of global climate change; worldwide loss of biodiversity, forests, and wetlands; long-range transport of toxic substances; decline of coastal ocean quality; and degradation of the world's freshwater and ecological systems. Unless these concerns are taken seriously by the giant countries and apprehended, there will be a huge humanitarian catastrophe on the scales never seen before. The unity shown towards the battle to save the ozone layer shows it can be done and should be repeated against current threats. Nowadays, human acts lead to environmental pollution. The high demand of the earth resources is a factor that leads to that environmental pollution. Hence, we need those environmental ethics to keep the sustainability.

**Proposed System**

Environmental ethics should be front and center of ethics because everything is connected with human beings and their relation to the environment. Celebrating Earth Day is not enough to raise awareness about environmental issues. More should be done to protect and replenish the environment. It also must be a universally supported issue so that to make a longer lasting result on the overall problem. Culture, religion, tradition, politics and others should play a bigger role in constructing a unified plan that keeps control of the environment and a healthy relationship with both parties having in win-win situation. Investing in environment performance improvement, without increasing costs. Re-defining the market in which renewable energy is used reliably and without harming the environment.

**Conclusion**

In general, environmental ethics is a vital part of life and its ability to touch different entities is unparalleled. In order for the other branches ethics to even exist, there should be a good environment that provides the needs and wants. So there should be international agreements and conventions that will be set in place which would protect the environment and in turn protect mankind.