

Tues 02 Oct: Text 230-248; and see website

Thanks to Brian Powell Q3 due 09 Oct if you choose

### Conservation Biology Lab 406L/506L

Friday 1230 -> Sunday sunset Meet 1230h S or W side BSE (4th and Highland)

> Hat, water, sunscreen, close-toed shoes Lunch, snacks, weather gear, (\$?)

Add camping gear and food!

Readings on Course Website: Las Cienegas, Ranching, San Pedro



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The Las Cienegas NCA includes a variety of unique and rare vegetative communities including five of the rarest habitat types in the American Southwest: cienegas (marshlands), cottonwood-willow riparian forests, sacaton grasslands, mesquite bosques, and semi-desert grasslands.

Debate 20 Sept 2007: Should the flat-tailed horned lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*) be ESA listed?

Three groups – one will debate, another will evaluate, third will observe, then we rotate.

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Short paper suggestions:

Choose a thesis to support and state it upfront, then defend it.

A catchy title.

Name, Date, One Page, Double Space

Best papers supported their arguments with one or two other sources. Use citation format of Conservation Biology articles.

Review Essay and Paragraph structural suggestions.

Proofread.



Date: August 14, 2006

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members Pima County Board of Supervisors From: C.H. Huckelberry County Administration

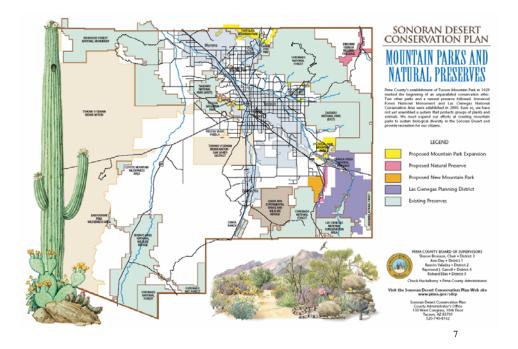
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http://www.pima.gov/cmo/sdcp/

Re: Draft Multi-Species Conservation Plan

#### Introduction

Attached is the draft Multi-Species Conservation Plan that Pima County will submit to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for a Section 10 permit. The permit package will also contain the Environmental Impact Statement, which belongs to the Service, and an Implementation Agreement that delineates obligations in a phased approach. Earlier drafts of the Multi-Species Conservation Plan have been published in 2003, 2005, and in January of 2006 as part of the extensive process of developing scientific information and inviting public review and comment.



## Biological Basis of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan



Thanks to Bob Steidl and others...

## **SDCP** Biological Goal

Ensure the long-term survival of the full spectrum of plants and animals that are indigenous to Pima County...



## Approach

- Select elements for planning
- Establish quantifiable goals
- Develop <u>explicit</u> rules for reserve design process
- Organize, synthesize, and acquire information
- Evaluate
- Establish, Monitor, Manage



## Select Species

- Regionally "vulnerable" species
- Short-list of 55 species

Species chosen should have little influence on ultimate reserve design



## Species List

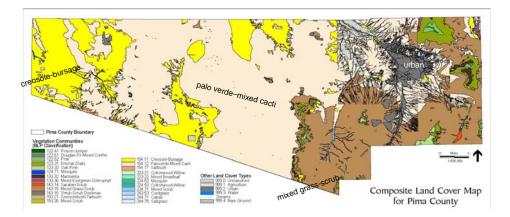
•	9 mammals	7 bats
•	8 birds	6 riparian
•	7 reptiles	3 riparian
•	2 frogs	all riparian
•	6 fish	all riparian
•	16 invertebrates	mostly snails
•	7 plants	2 riparian

# >60% of plants and vertebrates associated with riparian environments

## **Species Information**

- Natural history accounts
- Species-environment matrix
- Decide best method by which to achieve goals for each species
- Less helpful if:
  - either rare or common
  - on lands that are protected or off-limits
  - limited natural-history information
- Reduced from 55 to 44 species

## Land Cover



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## **Species Distributions**

- Based on models rather than known locations or published distributions
- Developed to predict species distributions based on potential habitat
- Input and evaluation by experts

   Habitat associations, known distribution
- Iterate
- Combine to identify areas of high species richness

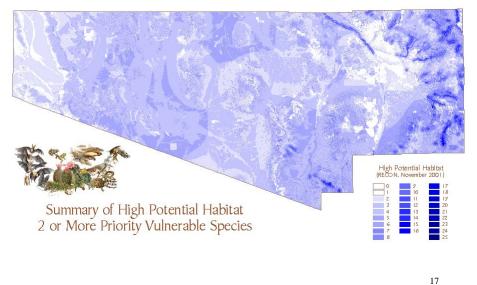
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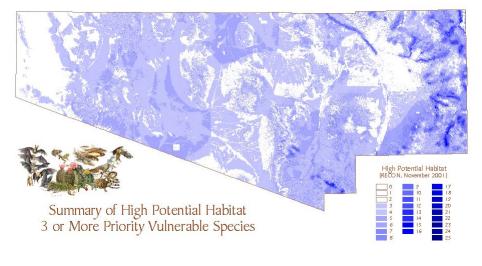
## Species Richness, 1 or more



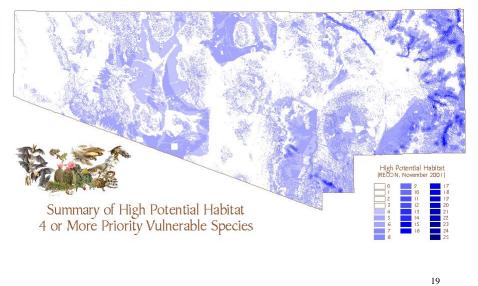
## Species Richness, 2 or more



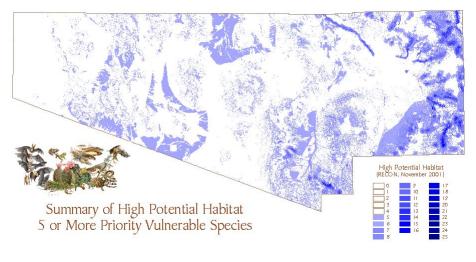
## Species Richness, 3 or more



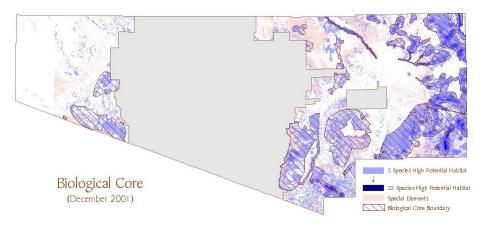
## Species Richness, 4 or more



## Species Richness, 5 or more

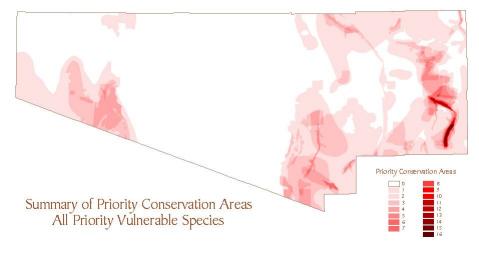


## **Biological Core**

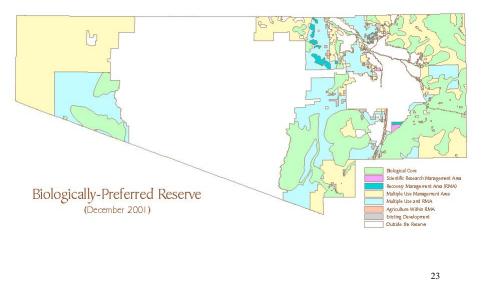


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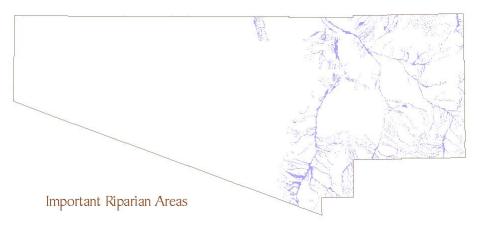
## Species Richness – Expert Opinion

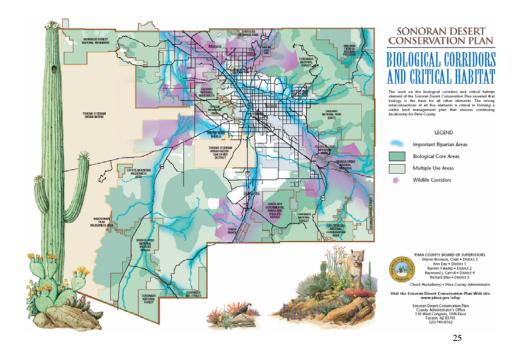


# **Biologically Preferred**



Riparian as Foundation for Linkages





## **Brian Powell**

- Inventory
- Monitoring
- Adaptive Management

#### **Biological Integrity: Flora and Fauna**

Exotic Plants - Early Detection Exotic Plants - Status and Trends Phenology Vegetation Life Form Abundance Vegetation Community Structure Bird Community Dynamics (Specific Species Monitoring) Landscape Pattern and Processes and Human Use Illegal Roads and Trails Visitor Impacts Visitor Impacts Visitor Use Landscape Dynamics (Fire and Fuel Dynamics) (Net Primary Productivity)

#### List of Vital Signs Vital Signs in (parentheses) are not currently monitored by SODN, but may be monitored by individual Parks or other agencies.

#### Air Quality and Climate

I (Jzone) Wet and Dry Deposition Visibility and Particulate Matter (Eroad-Scale Climate) Meso-Scale Climate Geology and Soils Channel Morphology (Upland Soil Movement) Biological Soil Crusts Soil Ageregate Stability Soil Compaction Soil Correr (Soil Organic Matter Content) (Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Content) Water Quality and Quantity Groundwater Dynamics Surface Water Dynamics Surface Water Dynamics Core Water Quality Parameters Nutrient Loading Pollutant Metals Microorganisms Aquatic Macroinvertebrates and Alg (Carcinogens and Toxins) (Suspended Sediment.)



## An EIS includes...

- Project goals and objectives
- Resources that might be affected
- <u>Alternative</u> ways to try to achieve the goals
- Environmental impacts that are likely to occur under each alternative
- Potential mitigation

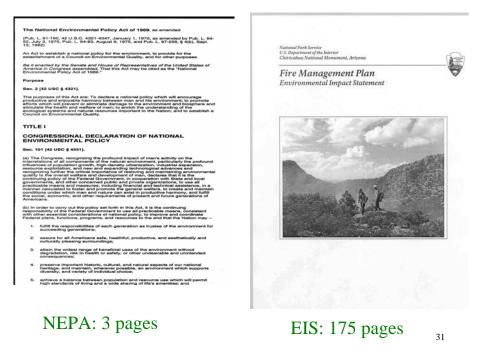


The public gets to review the EIS and make comments. The agency has to take these comments into account before deciding upon an alternative.

**Summary** 

• The EIS is supposed to help agencies decide how they can achieve their goals, taking all environmental impacts into account, with input from the people who are going to be affected (the public).

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## **EIS drawbacks?**

• The EIS is supposed to help agencies decide how they can achieve their goals, taking all environmental impacts into account, with input from the people who are going to be affected (the public). Fujicolor Processing Pleads Guilty to Environmental Crime Release date: 09/06/2007

Contact Information: Roxanne Smith, (202) 564-4355 / smith.roxanne@epa.gov

(Washington, D.C. - Sept. 6, 2007) Fujicolor Processing agreed to pay a \$200,000 criminal fine for discharging excessive amounts of silver-tainted photo processing waste to a Texas wastewater treatment plant, the Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency announced today.

Fujicolor pleaded guilty to one count of negligently violating a requirement of its pretreatment permit at its photo-processing facility in Terrell, Texas.

Based on an internal investigation, Fujicolor discovered that from 1999 through July 2002 employees were selectively reporting to the city only test results that fell within permit limits. Industrial facilities report results to local agencies for permit compliance purposes. Employees would send part of a sample to a laboratory for screening and, if the sample met permit limits, it would be submitted to the city. If a sample did not meet the silver limit, employees would keep collecting samples until they found one that fell within allowable limits. Fujicolor discovered similar problems at its facilities in New Britain, Conn., and Tukwila, Wash.

"By 'cherry-picking' samples, Fuji's employees undermined federal and state permit programs," said Granta Nakayama, assistant administrator for the EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance program.

EPA requires that industry pre-treat toxic pollutants chemicals in their wastes in order to protect local sewers and wastewater treatment plants. Local agencies must regulate industrial facilities by issuing permits, conducting inspections, sampling wastewater and reviewing each facility's monitoring data.

In July 2002, the city of Terrell fined the facility \$105,725 for exceeding its monthly limit for silver, based on samples submitted by the facility.

Fujicolor disclosed the findings of its investigation to federal and local officials. The company has since taken action to address the environmental problems, including firing employees responsible for violations and putting safeguards in place to prevent additional violations.

This investigation was conducted by the EPA's Criminal Investigations Division, and the Texas Department of Environmental Quality. The case was prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Crimes Section and the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Northern District of Texas. 33

#### **ESA**

#### The endangered species program http://www.fws.gov/endangered/

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#### San Bruno Mtns

-negotiate, compromise, all parties involved

"No Surprises" MOAs Safe Harbor Agreements

Need to		
include and		
motivate		
private		
landowners		

### Pre- Endangered Species Act of 1973 Legislation

- *Lacey Act* 1900. Authorized Federal enforcement of state wildlife laws and based on Federal power to regulate interstate commerce.
- Committee on Rare and Endangered Wildlife Species 1964 - consists of 9 biologist published the first "Redbook" - first Federal list of fish and wildlife considered threatened with extinction.



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   1964
- 1966 Endangered Species Preservation Act Federal agencies must conserve habitats of native vertebrate species found by the Secretary of the Interior to be in danger of Extinction to the extent "Practicable and consistent" with the primary purposes of the Federal agencies.



### Pre- Endangered Species Act of 1973 Legislation

1969 Endangered Species Conservation Act

 extended protection to invertebrates, and
 extended the Lacey Act's prohibitions to
 cover interstate commerce in illegally taken
 reptiles, amphibians, and certain
 invertebrates. Also took Global View authorized Secretary to make a list of
 species threatened with worldwide
 extinction and with limited exceptions
 permitted the Secretary to prohibit imports
 of such species or their products into the
 U.S.



### Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended

- Largest controversy involved whether protection should be extended to plants.
- Not seen as a large economic issue.
   Passed Senate unanimously, passed House overwhelmingly
- Signed into law on December 28, 1973



Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended

- Jointly administered by Secretaries of Interior and Commerce (Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service)
- Amended many times.



#### Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended

- Section 3. Definitions
- Section 4. Determination of endangered species and threatened species (Listing)
- Section 5. Land acquisition
- Section 6. Cooperation with States
- Section 7. Interagency cooperation
- Section 8. International cooperation
- Section 8A. Convention implementation
- Section 9. Prohibited Acts
- Section 10. Exceptions
- Section 11. Penalties and enforcement
- Section 12. Endangered Plants





Thanks to Paul Barrett and Sherry Barrett

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# Section 4, ESA

Listing Species Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, As Amended



## **5 Listing Factors**

- 1. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
- 2. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
- 3. Disease or predation;
- 4. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms;
- 5. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.



# Section 7, ESA

## **Interagency cooperation**



# Section 10, ESA

## **Exceptions**

10(a)(1)(A) – Recovery Permits 10(a)(1)(B) - HCP

(SDCP: Multi-species HCP)



# **Recovery Planning**





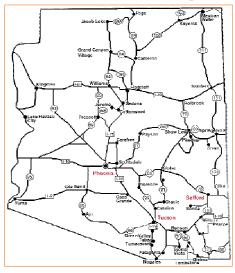
## Mount Graham Red Squirrel Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis

- Listed as endangered in 1987

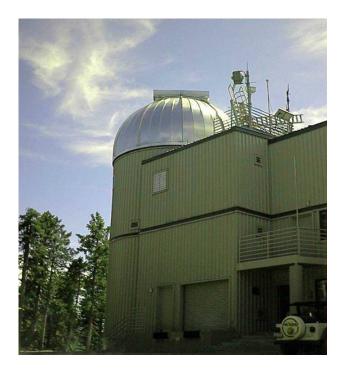




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- Restricted to: -Spruce-Fir -Transition -Mixed Conifer
- Above 8000 ft





Revised Mount Graham Red Squirrel (Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis) Recovery Plan

## -Technical Subteam

- •Squirrel biologists
- •Silviculturalist
- •Fire Ecologist
- •Forest health specialist
- •Conservation biologists
- •Population biologists
- •Entomologists







# Revised Mount Graham Red Squirrel (Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis) Recovery Plan

#### -Implementation Subteam

- Forest Service
- •AGFD
- Local Governments
- Steward Observatory
- •Local Interests (Summerhome Associations)
- Nongovernmental Organizations
- Native American Tribes

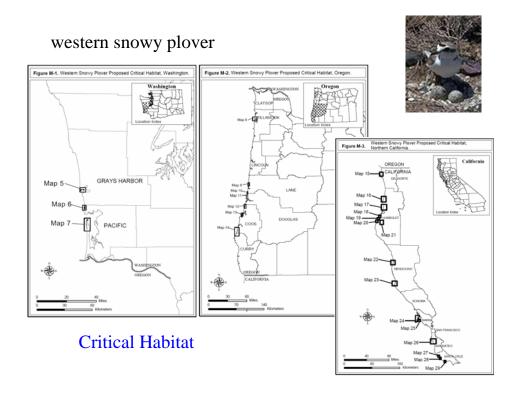


#### California Water Supply Cut by up to a Third To Protect Endangered Fish



http://www.delta.dfg.ca.gov/gallery/dsmelt.asp

Public Water Agencies Assess Impacts of Largest Court-Ordered Water Supply Reduction in California History SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 31, 2007 /PRNewswire/USNewswire/ -- The State Water Contractors, an association of 27 public water agencies in Northern, Central and Southern California, reacted to the largest court-ordered water supply reduction in California history, citing statewide impacts to farms, businesses and people. U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger ordered today a massive reduction in water supplies from the state's two largest water delivery systems, the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (OVP), to protect an endangered fish species, the Delta smelt. While state and local water agencies are still analyzing the court fulling, initial review projects the reduction could be up to one-third (173) of the combined SWP/CVP water supplies, or two million acre-feet of water. The two projects funnel water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) to urban and agricultural water uses. The reduction is anticipated to last while federal agencies develop a revised federal biological opinion for Delta smell that will ensure the project's compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements. Today's ruling is an unprecedented cutback in our statewide water supply, forcing local water agencies to scramble to identify back up water sources and find ways to lessen direct impacts on their customers, said Laura King Moon. "Never, in California's history, have we had a court impose such a massive reduction in the water use - and it is not clear that even this extraordinary action will save the Delta smell given all the other threats to its existence." Local water agencies will have to rely on contingency sources of ray and the other phase to back accur impacts an earthquake, major flood event, etc. Local agencies are particularly concerned about depleting their back up reserves during the current drought - 2007 is the driest year on record for parts of California. The tubbe consideraby in



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has completed a final rule designating 32 units of critical habitat along the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington for the Pacific coast population of the western snowy plover, a Federally threatened species. The critical habitat units total 12,145 acres, nearly 40 per cent less acreage than an earlier critical habitat plan the Service adopted in 1999.

Of the designated units, 24 are in California (7,472 acres), five are in Oregon (2,147 acres), and three are in Washington (2,526 acres). Of the total acreage, 2,479 acres (20 percent) are on Federal lands; 6,474 acres (53 percent) are owned by states or local agencies; and 3,191 acres (26 percent) are private.

Compared to the 1999 plan, today's action designates more critical habitat units but generally smaller ones, based on increased knowledge of the species' needs and better mapping. This new rule designates 32 units covering 12,145 acres, compared to 28 units covering 19,474 acres in the 1999 plan.

The rule will take effect 30 days after publication.

Some 2,859 acres of proposed critical habitat in six units were deleted based on the projected cost of designating critical habitat. An economic analysis prepared by Industrial Economics Inc. projected that critical habitat could cost between \$273 million and \$645 million, with the biggest costs due to beach recreation losses. More than three-quarters of the loss was found to occur in five proposed California critical habitat units, located on Coronado 's Silver Strand, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, and two on Monterey Bay.

In addition, 615 acres were deleted because of management plans and commitments -- such as Habitat Conservation Plans -- and 1,621 acres were deleted because they are covered by military land management plans or national security needs. 56

http://www.fws.gov/pacific/sacramento/ea/news\_releases/2005%20News%20Releases/WSP\_fCH2005\_NR.htm

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International Conservation Laws and Treaties

Implementation, Compliance, Effectiveness

Fewer people and larger industry = easier

Intent and Capacity to comply -incentives vs. coercion



1937 Whaling

1950 Birds

1958 Benelux (birds)

1973 Baltic Sea



1973 CITES (trade or species?) Appendix I, II, III

## 1982 Antarctic Marine Resources

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### **CITES:**



#### The CITES species

Roughly 5,000 species of animals and 28,000 species of plants are protected by CITES against over-exploitation through international trade. They are listed in the three CITES Appendices. The species are grouped in the Appendices according to how threatened they are by international trade. They include some whole groups, such as primates, cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), sea turtles, parrots, corals, cacti and orchids. But in some cases only a subspecies or geographically separate population of a species (for example the population of just one country) is listed. The table below shows the approximate numbers of species that are included in the CITES Appendices as of present\*.

	Appendix I	Appendix II	Appendix III
Mammals	228 spp. + 21 sspp. + 13 popns	369 spp. + 34 sspp. + 14 popns	57 spp. + 11 sspp.
Birds	146 spp. + 19 sspp. + 2 popns	1401 spp. + 8 sspp. + 1 popn	149 spp.
Reptiles	67 spp. + 3 sspp. + 4 popns	508 spp. + 3 sspp. + 4 popns	25 spp.
Amphibians	16 spp.	90 spp.	-
Fish	9 spp.	68 spp.	-
Invertebrates	63 spp. + 5 sspp.	2030 spp. + 1 ssp.	16 spp.
Plants	298 spp. + 4 sspp.	28074 spp. + 3 sspp. + 6 popns	45 spp. + 1 ssp. + 2 popns
Totals	827 spp. + 52 sspp. + 19 popns	32540 spp. + 49 sspp. + 25 popns	291 spp. + 12 sspp. + 2 popns



Any type of wild plant or animal may be included in the list of species protected by CITES [see Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP13)] and the range of wildlife species included in the Appendices extends from leeches to licions and from pine trees to pitcher plants. While the more charismatic creatures, such as bears and whales, may be the better known examples of CITES species, the most numerous groups include many less popularized plants and animals, such as aloes, corals, mussels and frogs.

Habitats and Ecosystems...

1971 Ramsar Wetlands (Iran) 119 countries 500 listed wetlands

#### 1972 UN (UNEP)

United Nations Environmental Program -include social issues

#### 1992 Earth Summit (aka Rio Summit)

#### -Agenda 21

(environment, social issues, poverty, technology transfer, sustainability, water, pollution)

- -178 Governments
- -Developed countries aid developing
- -Sustainable Development
- -Polluter Pays
- -Convention on Global Warming
- -Convention on Biodiversity

#### **1972 US Marine Mammal Protection Act**

dolphins tuna international trade

#### 1989 US Sea Turtle Act

shrimp TED's

Unitateral vs. cooperative? international trade

GATT (general agreement on tariffs and free trade)

-WTO - trade over environment

-Leadership vs. Imperialism