

TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

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Our environment offers an abundance of subject matter for discussion. The problems and prospects of the blue planet interest not only scientist and futurologists, but also politicians, industry, the public-and above all, young people! There is hardly a young person who is not conserved with the preservation of our natural habitat. To recognize environmental problems and master them, to reduce and avoid environmental pollution, to discover and develop ecologically sound technologies- there are the essential building blocks for our future.

Whether scientist or politicians. Bankers or student, whether Greek, Norwegian, Hungarian, or Finn... all are encouraged to make a contribution towards protecting the environment. We are to stop pollution. So, we can grow plants and trees, to purify waste, to start urgent campaigns in order to preserve environment.

Nowadays there are many different pressure and interests groups in many countries, which try to find solutions to the problems of pollution at the national and international level. So they are groups of people with a common interest in trying to draw the public attention to environment problems, to influence the government decisions.

Greenpeace is a very famous pressure group. It started functioning in 1971. Its headquarters are at Amsterdam, but it operates in 25 countries worldwide. The aim of Greenpeace is to protect wildlife of toxic wastes, nuclear tests.

«Friends of the Earth» (FoE) is one of the British pressure groups with an international reputation. Its general aim to conserve the planet's resources and reduce pollution. FoE was established in 1971 and now it operated in 44 countries worldwide. It campaigns among other things, for recycling and renewable energy, and the destruction of wildlife and habitat. The main campaigning issues of the FoE are:

- the protection of all animals and plants in danger of extinction;
- an end to the destruction of wildlife and habitants;
- a program of energy conservation measures, etc.

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