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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ECONOMY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Abstract:
Environmental and natural resource economics is a multidisciplinary field that studies the complex relationships between economic systems and the environment. This article highlights the importance of sustainable resource management, external influences, and political interventions and provides an overview of key concepts and principles in the field. In addition, it studies the economic valuation of environmental goods and services, market-based tools for Environmental Protection, and problems arising from global environmental problems. The article highlights the important role of the economy in solving pressing environmental problems and achieving a balance between economic development and environmental sustainability.

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Introduction

The economy of the environment and Natural Resources is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field and plays a decisive role in solving the most pressing problems of the present time, including climate change, loss of biodiversity, resource depletion and pollution. It seeks to understand and analyze complex interactions between economic systems and the natural environment with the aim of informing policies and strategies that promote stability and balance between human development and Environmental Protection.

As Daly and Farley (2010) correctly state, "Economics is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, not the other way around". This basic principle emphasizes the importance of recognizing that economic activity is closely related to the availability and health of Natural Resources and ecosystems. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics provide the analytical tools and framework needed to assess the environmental impact of economic decisions and develop strategies to mitigate adverse effects.

The field encompasses a variety of key concepts and principles, including evaluating environmental goods and services, assessing externalities, designing market-based tools for Environmental Protection, and investigating the role of policy interventions in shaping sustainable resource management. It also addresses problems that transcend national boundaries and cause global environmental problems that require international cooperation and management (Tietenberg & Lewis, 2018).

The economy of the environment and Natural Resources seeks to answer important questions in its essence. How do we allocate limited natural resources to meet current and future needs? How can we include environmental costs when making economic decisions? What policies and mechanisms can encourage conservation and sustainable practice? These questions are not only of academic interest, but also have real implications for policymakers, businesses and communities around the world.

This article serves as an introduction to the field of environmental and Natural Resource Economics, providing insight into its basic concepts, relevance and problems. It envisages that economics plays an important role in finding solutions to environmental problems and shaping a more sustainable and sustainable future.

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Environmental goods and services assessment:

One of the main principles of the economy of the environment and Natural Resources is the assessment of environmental goods and services. Understanding the economic value of ecosystem services such as pollination, clean water, and carbon sequestration is critical to making conscious decisions about resource management and conservation (Costanza et al., 2014). Assessment methods, including conditional assessment and hedonic pricing, allow economists to place monetary value on these services to help policymakers weigh the costs and benefits of various environmental policies.

External factors and market failures:

External factors, unexpected consequences of economic activity affecting third parties are a major concern in this area. Negative externalities such as air pollution or deforestation can result from unregulated economic behavior and cause costs to society. The economy of the environment and Natural Resources seeks to overcome these market failures by developing policies and mechanisms that involve external costs. For example, carbon pricing mechanisms and carbon taxes are aimed at raising pollutant emission costs (Stavins, 2019).

Market-based tools for Environmental Protection:
Market-based tools such as emission trading schemes and environmental taxes have become popular as effective environmental protection tools. These mechanisms create economic incentives to reduce the impact of enterprises and individuals on the environment. The EU Emissions Trading System (EI ETS) is a prominent example, with a limited number of emissions permits allocated to industrial enterprises, which can trade among themselves, encouraging emissions reductions (Ellerman & Buchner, 2008).

Resource management and sustainable development:
Environmental and Natural Resource Economics also play an important role in resource management and sustainable development. It addresses issues of resource allocation, optimal collection levels for renewable resources (e.g. Fisheries), and sustainable extraction of non-renewable resources (e.g. oil and minerals). Models such as the Hartwick rule (Hartwick, 1977) provide insight into how to maintain intergenerational equality by reinvesting resource leases into alternative assets to replace terminating natural capital.

Global environmental issues:
Global environmental issues, including climate change, loss of biodiversity and cross-border pollution, require international cooperation and management. Environmental economics contributes to these efforts by designing international treaties and understanding mechanisms for solving common environmental problems. For example, the Paris agreement on climate change relies on a combination of national commitments and market-based approaches to limiting global warming (United Nations, 2015).
In conclusion, the economy of the environment and Natural Resources is a multifaceted field that connects economics and ecology, solving important issues at the intersection of human activity and the natural environment. It equips policymakers, businesses and communities with tools for resource utilization, Pollution Control, and conscious decision-making on Sustainable Development. As the world struggles with growing environmental problems, the role of Environmental Economics in finding innovative and economically viable solutions is becoming increasingly integral.

Conclusion

The economy of the environment and Natural Resources is a field of research that is never as relevant or as important as it is now. In the face of increasing environmental challenges ranging from climate change and loss of biodiversity to resource depletion and pollution, this discipline provides invaluable insights and tools for policymakers, businesses and communities seeking to balance economic development with environmental sustainability.

As noted in this article, the economy of the environment and Natural Resources will touch on important aspects of our relationship with the environment. It emphasizes the economic assessment of Ecosystem Services, which allows us to recognize the specific value of nature and the benefits it offers. By quantifying these values, policymakers can make more sound decisions regarding resource management and conservation.

The concept of external influences of central importance in this area emphasizes the need to take into account the unexpected consequences of economic activity. Negative externalities, such as environmental pollution, can generate significant costs for society. Environmental Economics offers mechanisms such as market-based tools and environmental taxes to contain these external costs and promote more responsible behavior.

Market-based tools, including emission trading schemes and carbon pricing mechanisms, have proven effective in reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. They reconcile economic incentives with environmental goals, indicating the power of the economy that leads to positive environmental changes.

Resource management and sustainable development are central themes of Environmental Economics. This area helps to answer important questions about the optimal use of renewable and non-renewable sources and ensures that future generations also use them. For example, the Hartwick rule guides us in reinvesting resource leases to maintain intergenerational equality.

Global environmental problems require international cooperation, and environmental economics provides information in developing agreements and mechanisms to address these common problems. The Paris agreement on climate change is an important effort in this regard and demonstrates the potential of the economy to launch global action on environmental problems.

In conclusion, the economy of the environment and Natural Resources is a bridge between economics and ecology, offering pragmatic solutions to the complex problems ahead of us. This gives us the opportunity to make a choice that benefits our economy and the environment, ensuring a more sustainable and sustainable

future. As the relevance of environmental problems increases, the concepts presented by this area increase the importance that economic prosperity brings us to a world in harmony with the protection of the environment.

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