

Our environment

All parts of the environment are connected to each other, and to people.



People

We are part of the environment. Our activities and decisions drive changes in the environment, and these changes shape our quality of life.



Land

How we use the land begins a cycle of environmental impacts and brings changes to our lives and livelihoods.



Freshwater

What happens on land flows into our lakes, rivers and groundwater, affecting ecosystems and biodiversity as well as our health.



Atmosphere and climate

Climate change amplifies changes to other parts of the environment. Warming temperatures and more extreme weather affect our lives in many ways.



Air

Transport, home heating, agriculture and industry can lower air quality, which impacts our health.



Marine

Rivers and streams affect water quality at our coasts. Combined with our fishing practices, this impacts marine habitats and the people who rely on them.