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Should Seals and Fish be Treated Differently?

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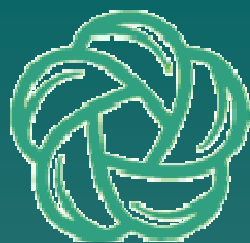
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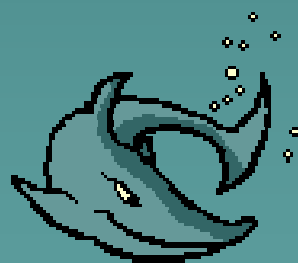


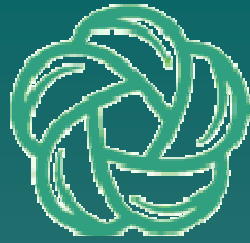


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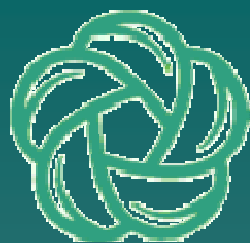




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**Human beings always were,  
are and will be born with  
two primal drives;**

- **To survive**
- **To reproduce**



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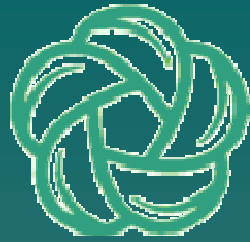




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## **No difference in harvesting: (Common factors to all species)**

- **Harvest must be sustainable**
- **Killing must be humane**
- **Harvest must not endanger species**
- **As little waste as possible**
- **Animal rights opposition**
- **Good management practices**

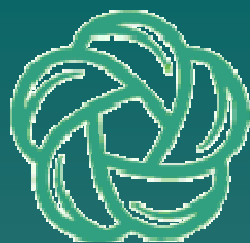


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**But species are by definition  
different in:**

- Habitat
- Size
- Migration patterns
- Abundance
- Utilization

**Therefore harvesting of different  
species must be treated differently**



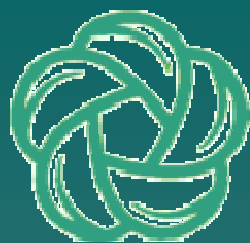
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**Just who do we think we are –  
the international food police?**

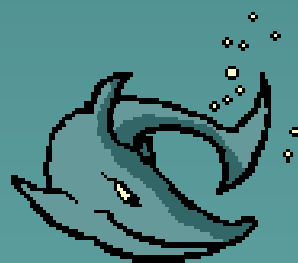




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**Friend of the Earth** is running a national newspaper ad picturing cute kids with the subtle tag line, "They're being poisoned".  
(Wall Street Journal 08.04.04)

...**The Sierra Club** proclaims that five million women have "dangerous levels of mercury in their bodies" .

April 2004

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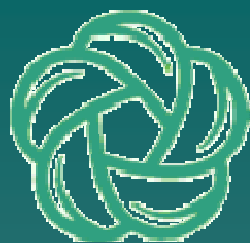


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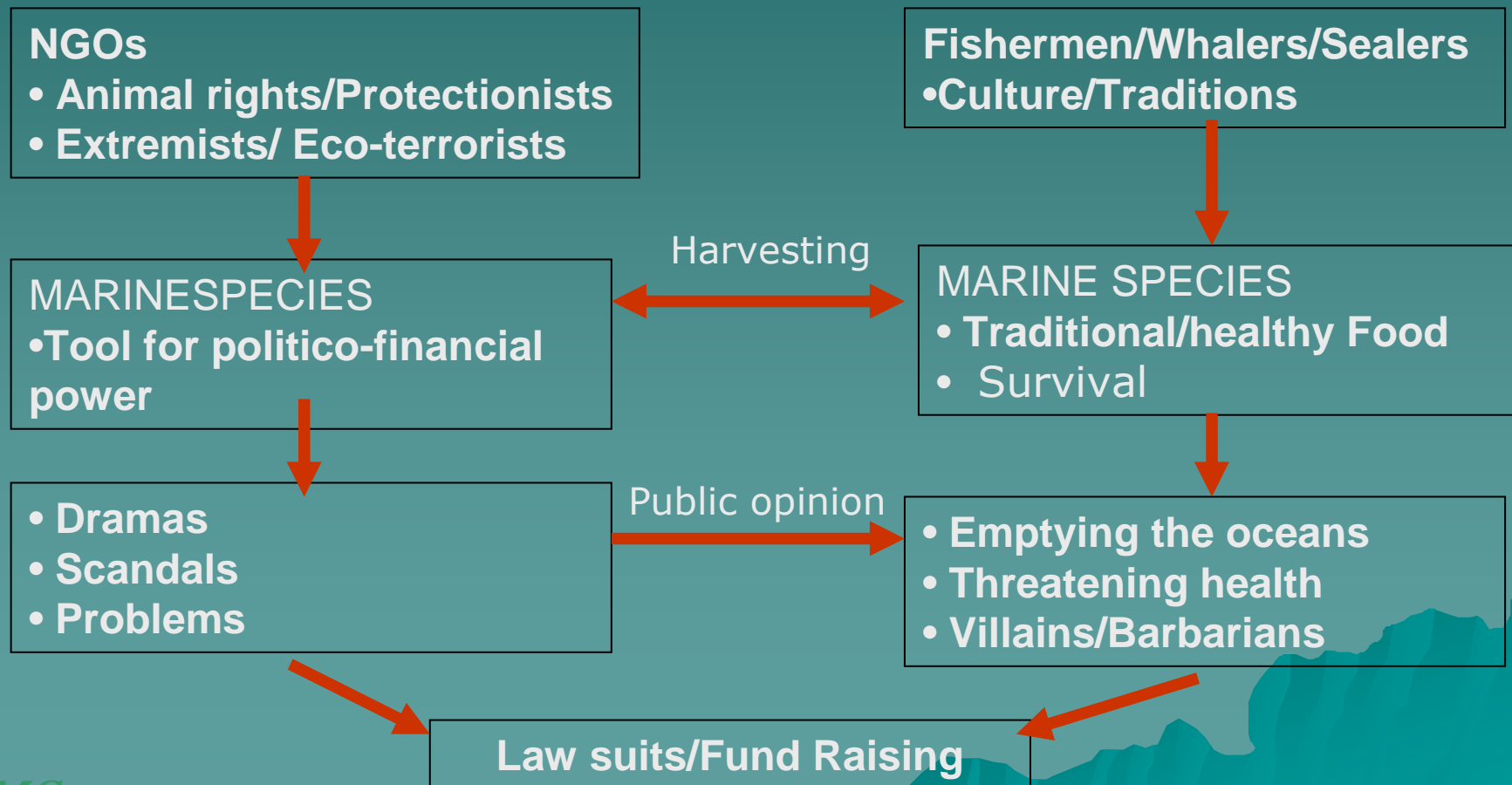
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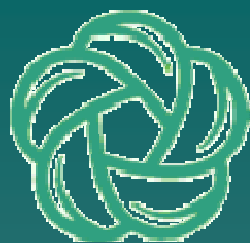




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## International regulations...

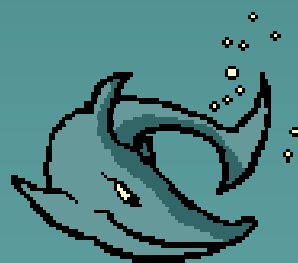




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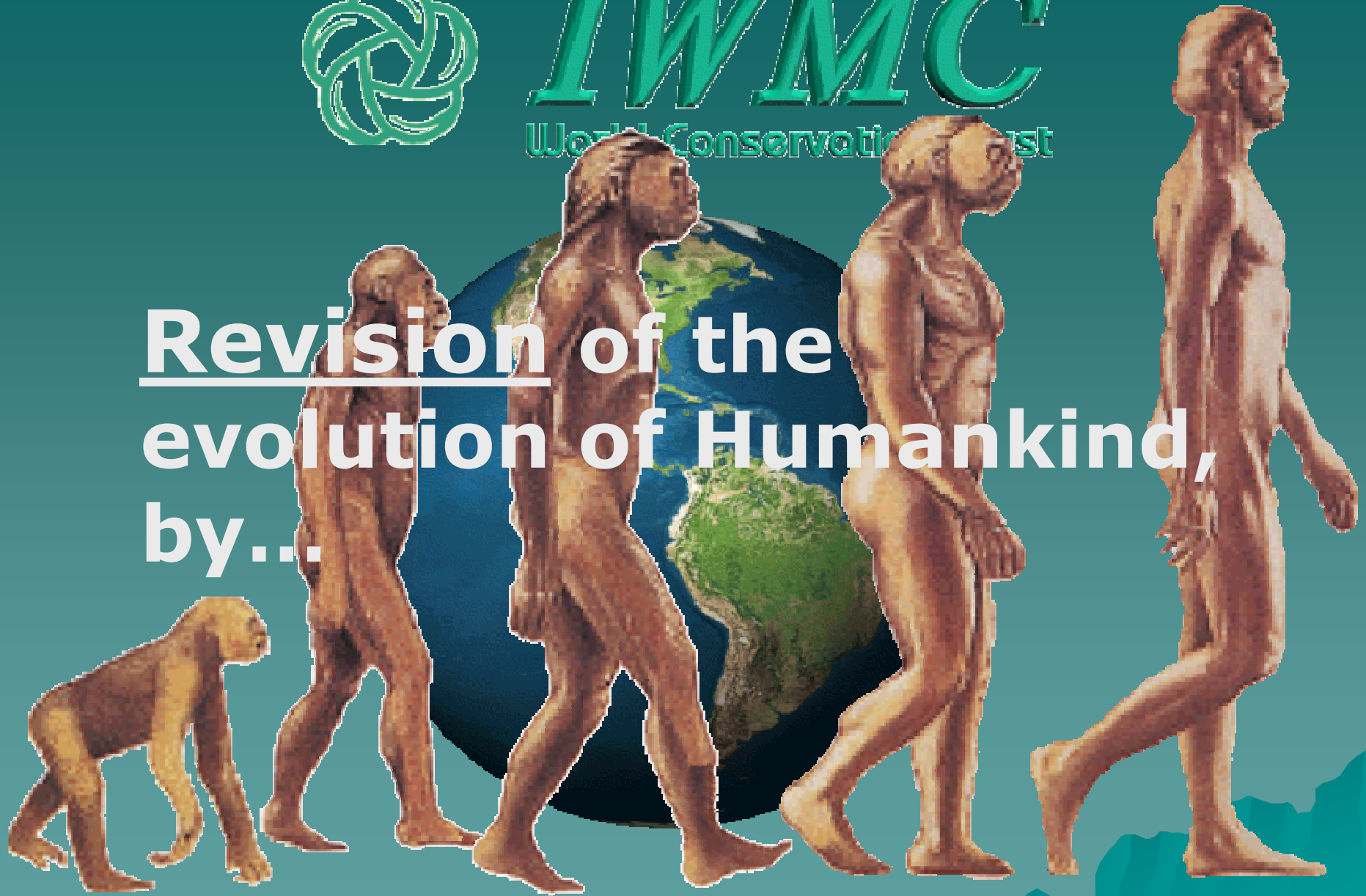
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**Revision of the  
evolution of Humankind,  
by...**





# The Evolution of Homo

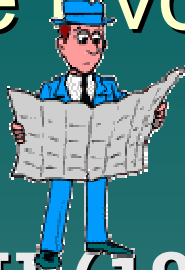


## Part I (50,000AD to 20th Century)

### From *Homo erectus* to *Homo sapiens*

- ◆ Darwin theory remains valid
- ◆ Main characteristic: Two primal drives: survival and reproduction
- ◆ *H. erectus*: each being harvested everything required for survival, food, shelter, clothing
- ◆ *H. sapiens*: Specialized harvesting, give harvesting different names: fishing, hunting, trapping, farming, collecting, picking...
- ◆ *H. sapiens*: developed trade and barter economy
- ◆ *H. sapiens*: Capacity in managing
- ◆ *H. sapiens* is very close to nature and applies very strict standards for harvesting

# The Evolution of Homo...



## Part II (1940 to circa 1970)

### From *homo sapiens* to *homo sapiens urbanus*

**Note:** Some specimens of homo sapiens have migrated to form large tribes inhabiting very large buildings where most members of the tribes decided to delegate all aspects of the harvesting required for their survival.

- ◆ Darwin theory is shaken up...
- ◆ Main characteristic: Only one primal drive left: reproduction
- ◆ *H. sapiens urbanus*: believes that there is no need for harvesting to survive
- ◆ *H. sapiens urbanus*: distances himself from nature

# The Evolution of Homo...

## Part III (1970 to 2008)

From *Homo sapiens urbanus* to *Homo urbanus*

The word "SAPIENS"...

**Note:** Parting from nature has led to the dropping of the word "sapiens". [Fortunately, some unpolluted and well conserved specimens of the original *homo sapiens* remain in the wild or in remote areas]

- ◆ Darwin theory is gone...
- ◆ No more primal drive, reproduction done in vitro
- ◆ Main characteristic: Not very clever... even dumb, dumbness that is found mainly in the most common sub-species

*h. urbanus washingtoniensis*

*h. urbanus londoniensis*

*h. urbanus europeanunionensis*

*h. urbanus californiensis*

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## Part III (1970 to 2008)

### From ... to *Homo urbanus* (cont.d)

- ◆ *H. urbanus*: Firmly believes that nature is contained in a small box, a box called TV set.
- ◆ *H. urbanus*: Can be easily frightened
- ◆ *H. urbanus*: Two main concerns: not being able to eat fish without being sick, and not being able to watch TV programs on animals
- ◆ *H. urbanus*: Ideal target for exploitation, being dumb, rich and, at times, famous



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Alfred Lord Tennyson  
aptly described...

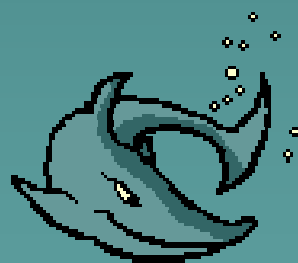
“Nature is red in tooth  
and claw”.

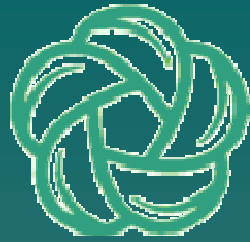


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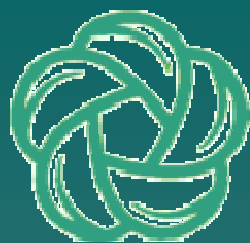
**In the nineteenth century we saw the British Empire spread through Asia and Africa cheered on, not as commonly believed by merchants and soldiers, but rather by clergymen and journalists who alike exhorted their national leadership to bring the benefits of the supposedly superior Anglo-Saxon religion and culture to the inferior black and brown skinned people of the world. Please do not believe that, with the coming of the twenty-first century, this imperialistic instinct has gone to its grave.**



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...the fundamental urge to subjugate one culture to the will of another remains. The new cultural imperialist does not bash a bible; he pushes an ecological manual in your face and demands your adherence.

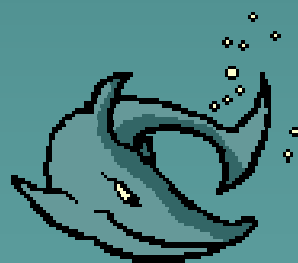




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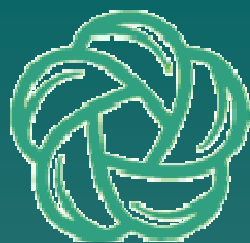


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Save the... *“species du jour”*...



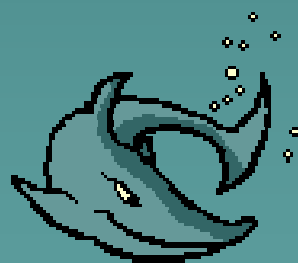
Marine Species... very high on the menu

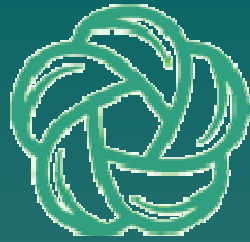


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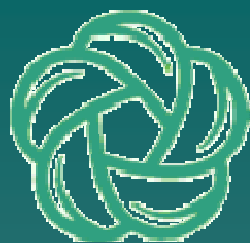
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**We now live in a world inhabited by a new generation of Robespierre, men and women who are convinced that they are the guardians of a new, higher morality and who do not hesitate to seize the tools of coercion to use against those who refuse to follow their path.**



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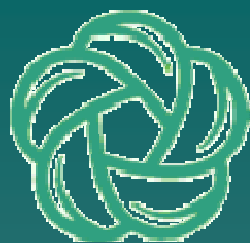




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The prospects for sealing are good so long as we accept the differences between harvesting seals and harvesting fish, and so long as we are prepared to objectively consider and deal with the many pressures from NGOs that believe that the use of all animals should be prohibited.

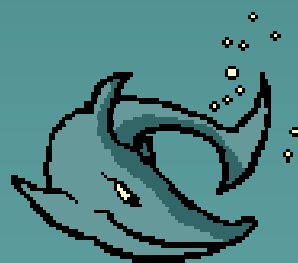
**And that Remains the major problem.**



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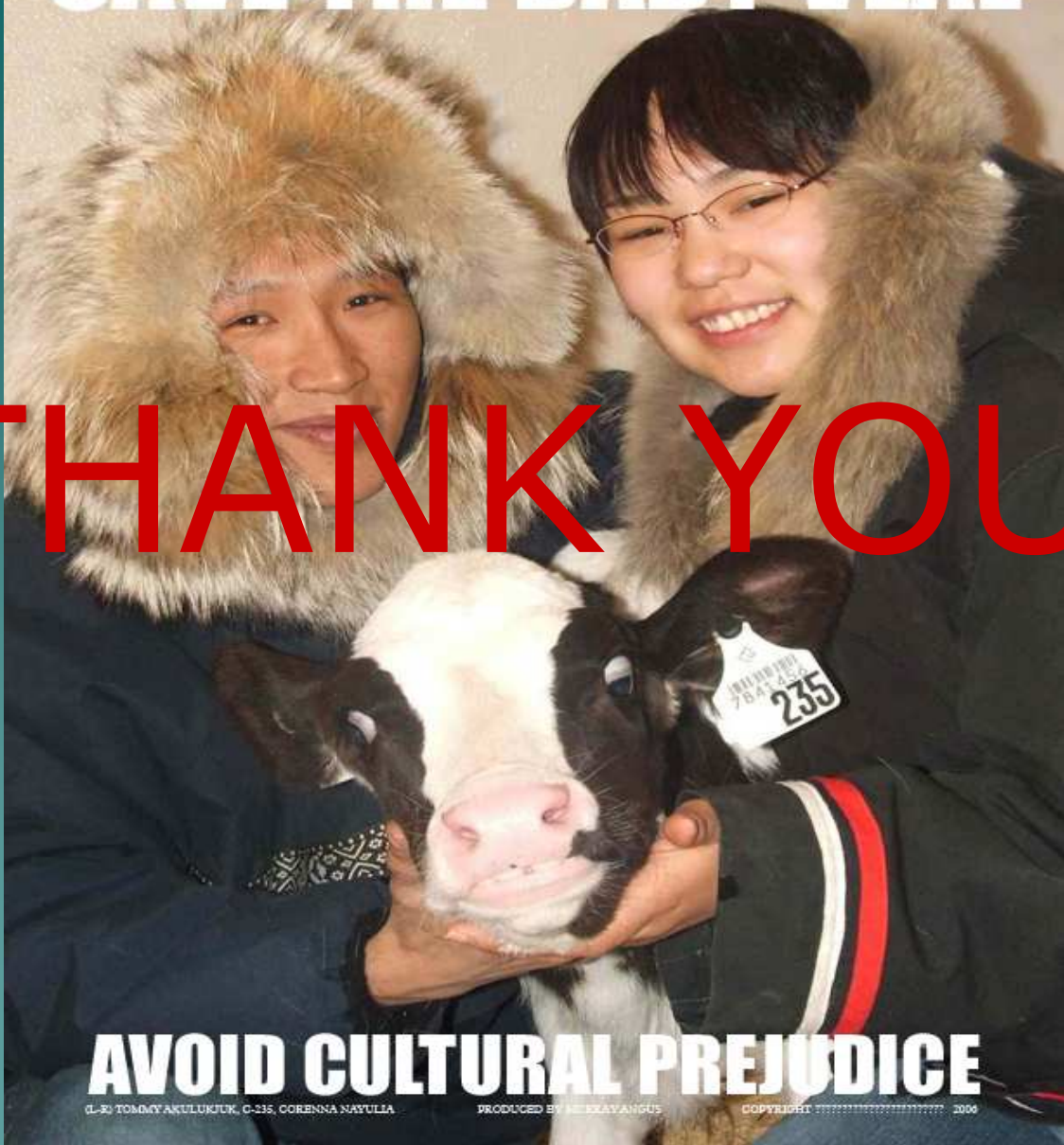
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**Homo minus habens**





**SAVE THE BABY VEAL**



**THANK YOU!**

**AVOID CULTURAL PREJUDICE**

(L-R) TOMMY AKULUKJUK, C-235, CORENNA NAYULIA

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Saturday-Sunday, January 29-30, 2005

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### Norway readies tours for seal-hunting season

Tour operators in Norway are preparing to offer seal-hunting trips to foreigners in March and April.

"Based on a parliamentary decision last year, we are authorizing foreign hunters, and I emphasize hunters because they must have a hunting license, to come hunt seals here if they are accompanied by a Norwegian hunting company," a spokesman for the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Sigbjorn Larsen, said.

Norway decided last year to permit such specialized tours and this month issued the official authorization for the hunts.



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They seek nothing more or less than the radical separation of man from nature. Tortured by their own evangelical sense of human sin and worthlessness, they demand that you and I adopt a low view of humanity similar to their own. Mankind is sinful; only nature is pure, good and benign.



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They believe that nature cannot, and should not, be managed.

It must be left alone and then everything will be alright.



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## **The Sustainability Triangle**

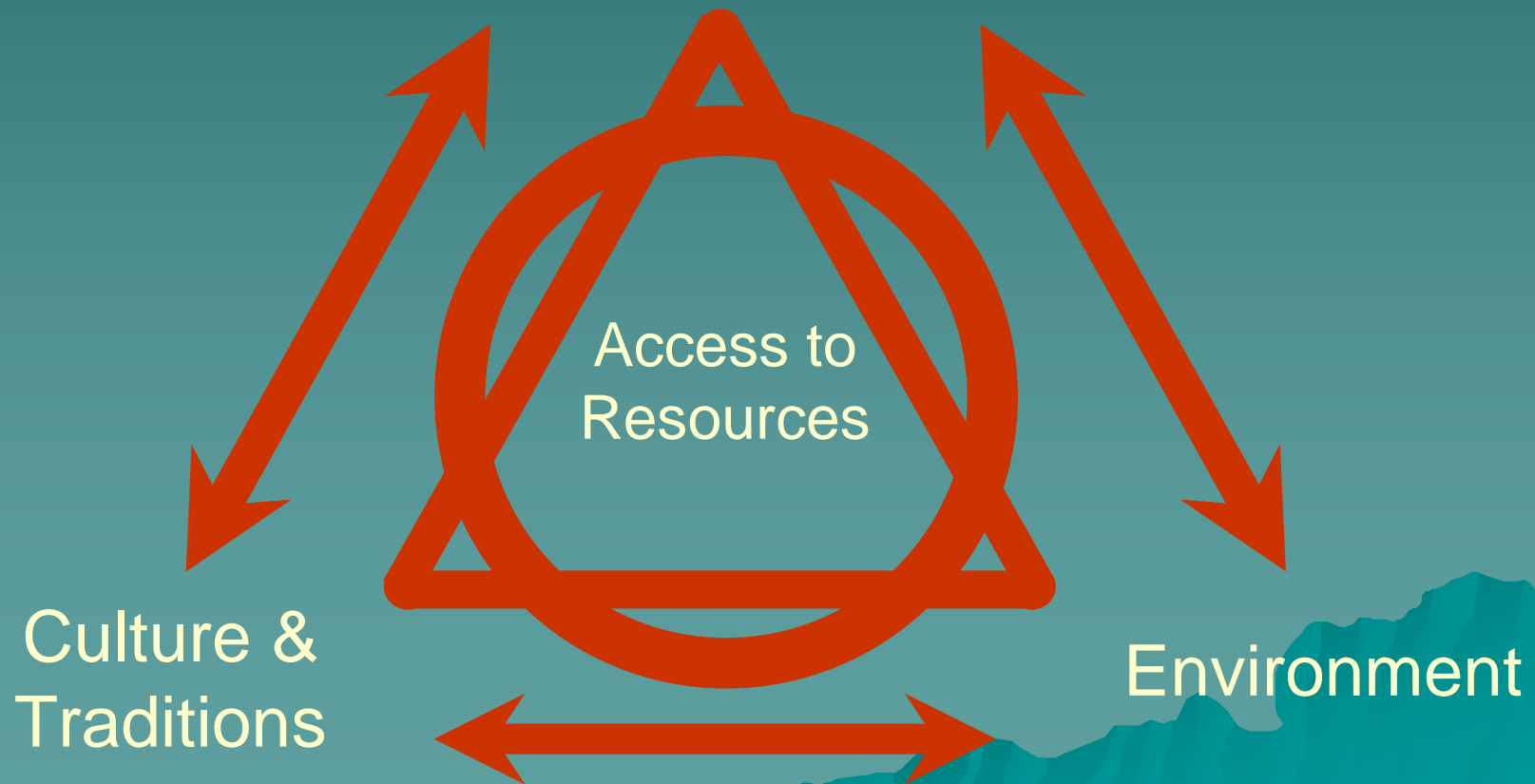
Today, the concept of sustainable use and the driving model for modern global corporations is one where economic prosperity is intrinsically linked with people's environmental compatibility and with social justice.

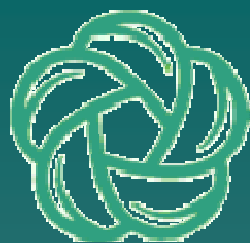


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## The Sustainability Triangle

Development



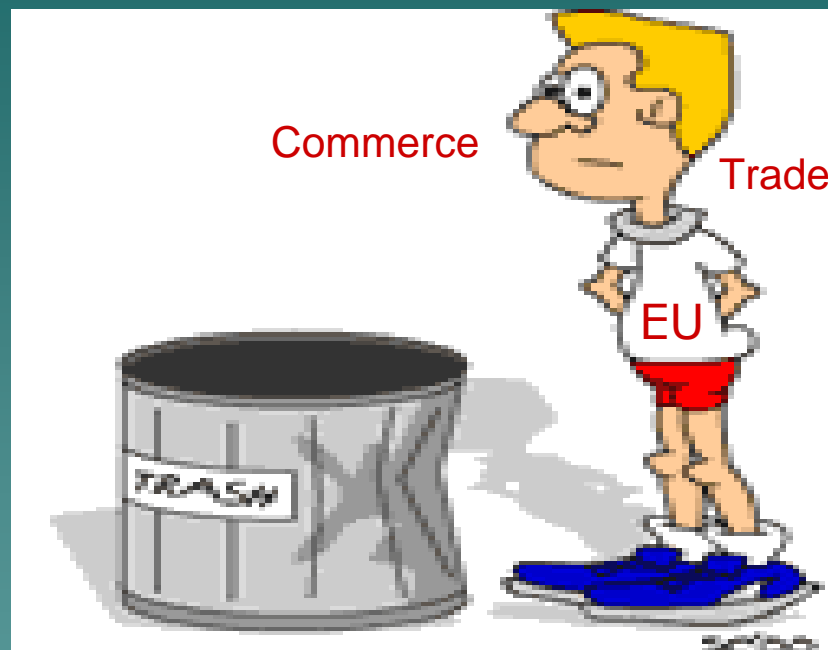


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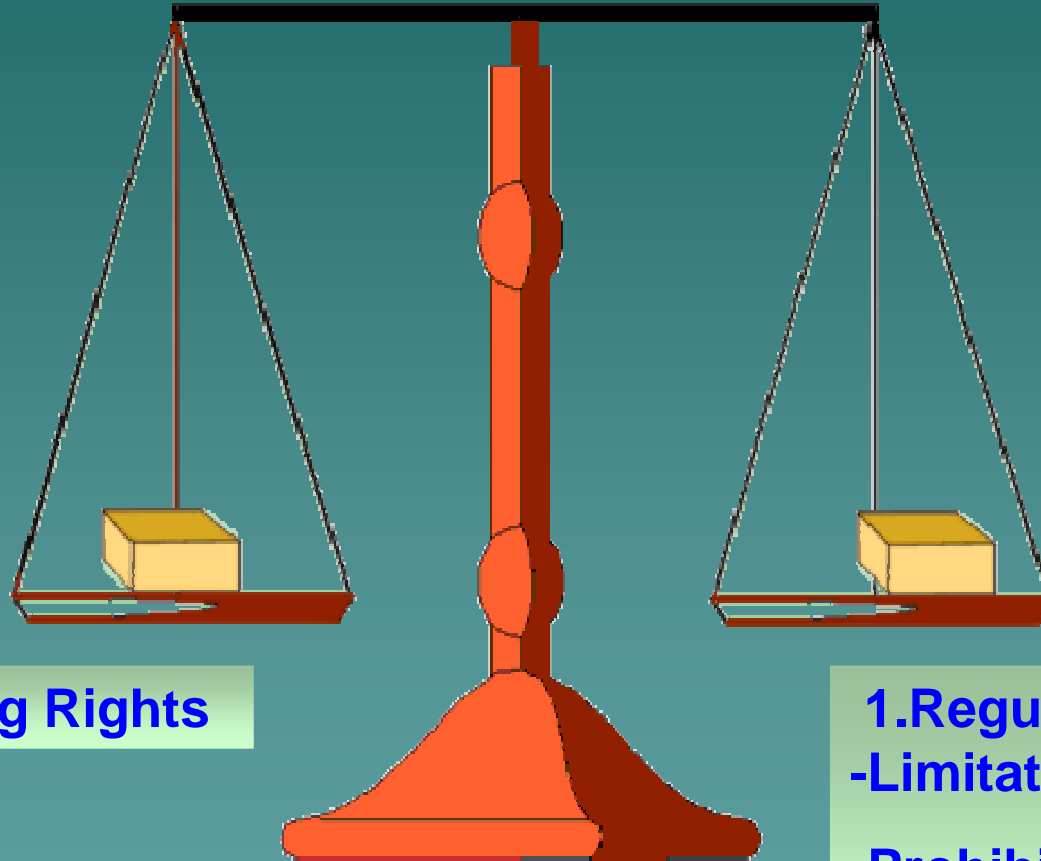
When it comes to  
Wildlife Conservation...

**TRADE**

**COMMERCE**



## How Harvesting rights are negatively impacted



Harvesting Rights

1.Regulations: -  
-Limitations  
-Prohibitions  
2.NGOs





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“When trade is outlawed, only outlaws  
are trading” (Confucius)

“Prohibition is not the solution,  
prohibition is the problem”.

(Anthony Lewis, New York Times, 13.02.1996)

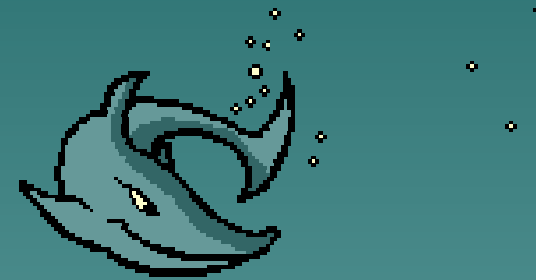


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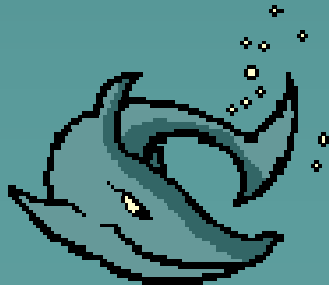
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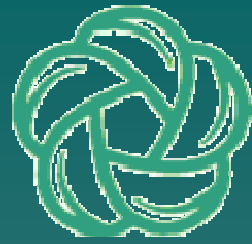
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Part IV (2008 and on...)

From *homo urbanus...* to

**Homo Minus Habens**





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