

IV Sustainable Development

* Any economic development that serves the current needs of people w/o making it hard for people in the future to live well.

A. Resource Depletion

1. Not sustainable if we overuse resources.

Ex: Over farming land leads to soil erosion

B. Environmental Degradation

1. Try to reduce air + water pollution

2. Reduce waste through recycling + composting

3. Fight climate change.

a) if climates get warmer diseases could spread to new areas.

b) if ocean levels rise, people along coasts could be forced to move or spend lots of \$ to hold back the water.

C. Ecotourism

1. Protects local ecosystems educates visitors about them

Ex Costa Rica "Cloud Forest", Australia's coral reef