



Element 1

Foundations of Environmental Awareness



Learning Outcomes

On completion of this element you should be able to:

- Identify the meaning of: the environment; weather; climate; habitats; eco-systems; bio-diversity; pollution; sustainability
- Identify the importance and benefits of sustainable development
- Identify an environmental management system's main components and the certification process



The Environment

The environment is everything that surrounds us.

One of the fascinations of studying the environment is the breadth of topics and disciplines that are involved.

Take a moment to write down what makes up the environment around you.



The Environment

Think about:

- the air you are breathing;
- the room or other space you are occupying;
- the people who are around you; and
- the things you can hear and smell.

