

Unit 24 International Environmental Law

Steps to global environmental
protection

What is international law?

- What is law?
 - Consent of governed
 - Enforcement of compliance
- Does international law fit this definition?

Types of International Law

- By parties governed
 - Public: nation to nation
 - Private: individuals, companies, etc.
- By method of creation
 - Conventional laws
 - Customary laws

New Actors

- Intergovernmental organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Multinational corporations
- Ethnic and religious groups
- Sub-units of national governments
- Local non-governmental organizations
- Illicit actors
- Ad hoc transnational organizations

Development of law by the private sector

- International Standards Organization
 - ISO 14000
 - <http://iisd1.iisd.ca/trade/iso.htm>
 - <http://www.iso.ch/welcome.html>

Development of law by the private sector

- Rain Forest Alliance
 - <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/>
 - Alternative to ISO 14000
- Non-binding and voluntary guidelines
- Environmental equity/justice
- Technological advances
 - Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicator
 - <http://sedac.ciesin.org/entri/>

Conclusion

- Over 900 instruments that address the environment
- Water
 - <http://terra.geo.orst.edu/users/tfdd/>