



# habitat <sup>in</sup> the balance

## overview

*Habitat in the Balance*, developed by SEEDS Connections (formerly the **SEEDS Foundation**), is an educational resource designed for teaching socio-scientific issue resolution.

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### resource

*Habitat in the Balance* is an online, decision-making program in which the student examines issues from one of four main topic areas: water, inhabitants, land, and air.

In this decision-making program a student will:

- gain an understanding about an **Issue** and collect information about it.
- examine **Choices** that can be made on the **Issue**. Then, depending on a **Point of View** that the student selects and the **Perspectives** that are important to address, choose an **Action**.
- based on the **Consequences** provided by the program, decide if changes need to be made to the information they collect in the student's own **Digital Notebook**.
- prepare a **Summary Report** of his/her work with feedback that may be viewed online, printed or emailed.

The main feature of this program helps the student prepare a *statement* that supports the decision or action they choose. This feature is called the Statement Builder. It is interactive and provides the student with appropriate feedback. Supporting materials for students and teachers are provided within the program and may be downloaded.

### requirements

*Habitat in the Balance* requires a computer and access to a printer.

A minimum **Pentium III** platform with 256 MB of RAM is recommended. The *Adobe Flash Player* software program is required. It may be obtained for free over the Internet. The latest version for your computer and operating system is recommended. To check, right click on the *Habitat in the Balance* screen and then left click on 'About Adobe Flash Player X...' This connects you to **Adobe** that has an information table describing the current versions of *Flash Player* available for each platform and operating system.

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