

Chapter 12: Environmental Protection

Worksheet

12.1 Case Study: Japan Legalizes Commercial Whale Hunts

- In your own words, briefly summarize important facts about the case. Include important actors and events.
- What are the important legal and political questions raised by this case?

12.2 Environment as a Common Resource

Concepts

- What are the key concepts that apply to this area of international law?
- Provide 2—3 examples that illustrate each of these concepts.

Evolution

- What major trends are apparent in environmental politics?
- What are the major similarities and differences between the Rio and Stockholm Declarations?

Principles

- What are the key principles for this area of international law?
- Provide 2—3 examples that apply each of these principles.

12.3 Protecting the Environment

Atmosphere

- What are three major atmospheric problems?
- What treaties address these problems? How?

Water

- What two kinds of water are regulated by international treaties?
- What treaties address these problems? How?

Living Resources

- What different approaches are used under international law to protect living resources?
- What treaties address living resources? How?

12.4 Interaction with Other Areas of Law

Trade

- How does international trade law interact with environmental protection?
- Provide examples of trade disputes that involved the environment.

Investment

- How does international investment law interact with environmental protection?
- Provide examples of investment disputes that involved the environment.

Human Rights

- How does human rights law interact with environmental protection?
- Provide examples of human rights disputes that involved the environment.

Armed Conflict

- How does armed conflict law interact with environmental protection?
- Provide examples of armed conflicts that involved the environment.

12.5 Case Study Revisited: What About the Whales?

- How do the topics discussed in this chapter help you to understand this case?
- How would *you* answer the legal and political questions that are raised by this case?¹

¹ *Note: Some of these questions may require that you express an opinion or make a value judgment. There is no inherently correct or incorrect opinion/value, but you should be able to support your answer (and argue against alternative opinions/values) using basic facts and logic.*