

# Definition of Environmental Education

Environmental education is a process aimed at developing a world population that is aware of and concerned about the total environment and its associated problems, and which has the knowledge, attitudes, motivations, commitments and skills to work individually and collectively toward solutions of current problems and the prevention of new ones.

## Objectives of Environmental Education

**Awareness** – to help social groups and individuals acquire an awareness and sensitivity to the total environment and its allied problems.

**Knowledge** – to help social groups and individuals gain a variety of experiences in and acquire a basic understanding of the environment and its associated problems.

**Attitudes** – to help social groups and individuals acquire a set of values and feelings of concern for the environment and motivation for actively participating in environmental improvement and protection.

**Skills** – to help social groups and individuals acquire the skills for identifying and solving environmental problems.

**Participation** – to help provide social groups and individuals with an opportunity to be actively involved at all levels in working toward resolution of environmental problems.

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