

SPECIES CONSERVATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Conservation of species has been a central focus of the modern environmental movement. Yet species conservation has enjoyed mixed success, as is evidenced by the embattled Endangered Species Act and other similar national and international prescriptions. Papers in this section illuminate common problems faced by species, including the inability of conservation organizations to take into account diverse human perspectives toward threatened and endangered species, and the lack of adequate decision-making processes. A new conceptualization of species conservation is required that moves beyond the strictly technical and biological approaches used in many past projects.

The first of the three papers in this section is presented in its entirety, along with an appendix showing the visual aids used in the oral presentation of the paper to the class. The remaining two papers are presented in one-page abstract format.