Improving environmental mainstreaming in national decision-making processes

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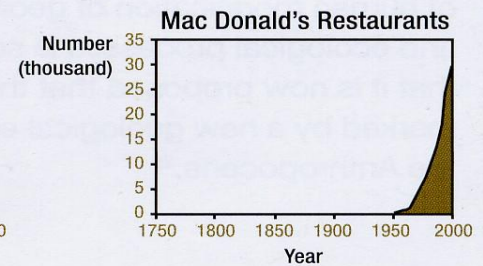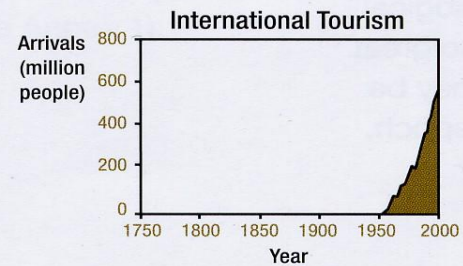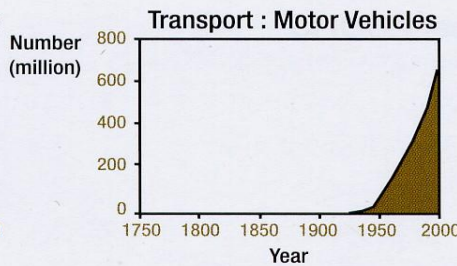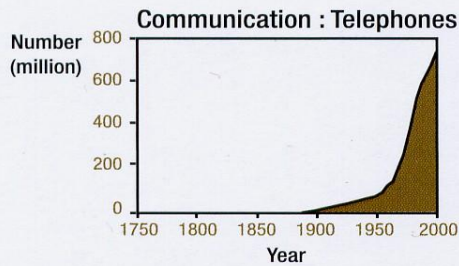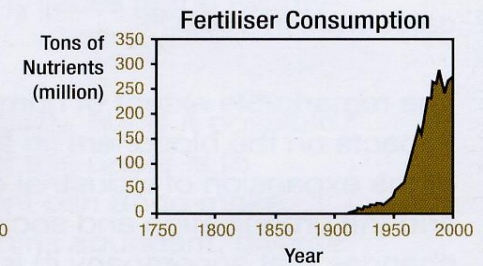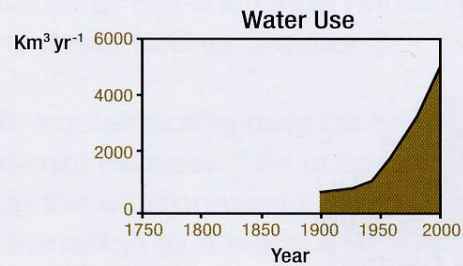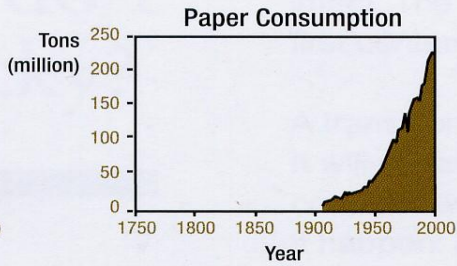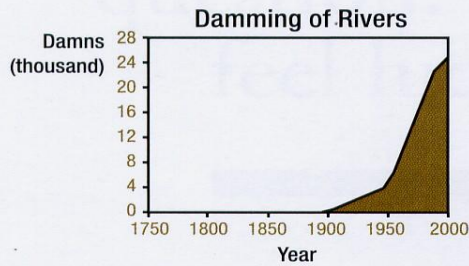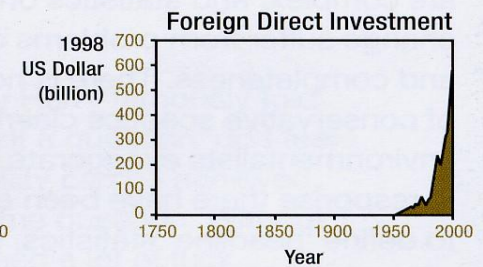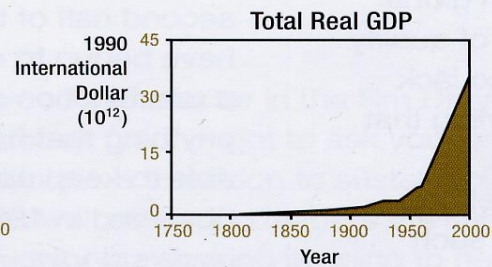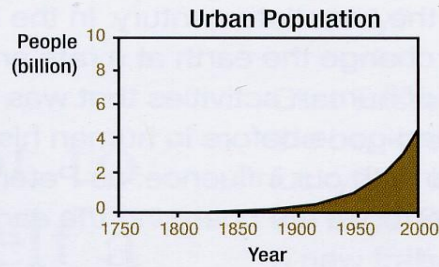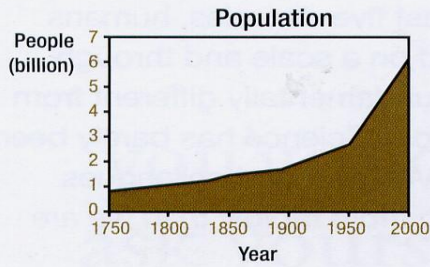

Source: Steffen et al. (see note 20)

2. But Env and Dev are *separate* worlds

ENVIRONMENT is

- **Uncertain**
- **Unpredictable**
- **Unvalued**
- **Unpriced**
- **Untraded**
- **Unowned**
- **Unscrutinised**
- **'Un'visible**

DEVELOPMENT aims at $/day, growth, budget support, governance change etc – uninformed by env roles and risks

IS ENVIRON-MENTALISM DEAD?
BY ADAM WERBACH
A SPEECH PRESENTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB
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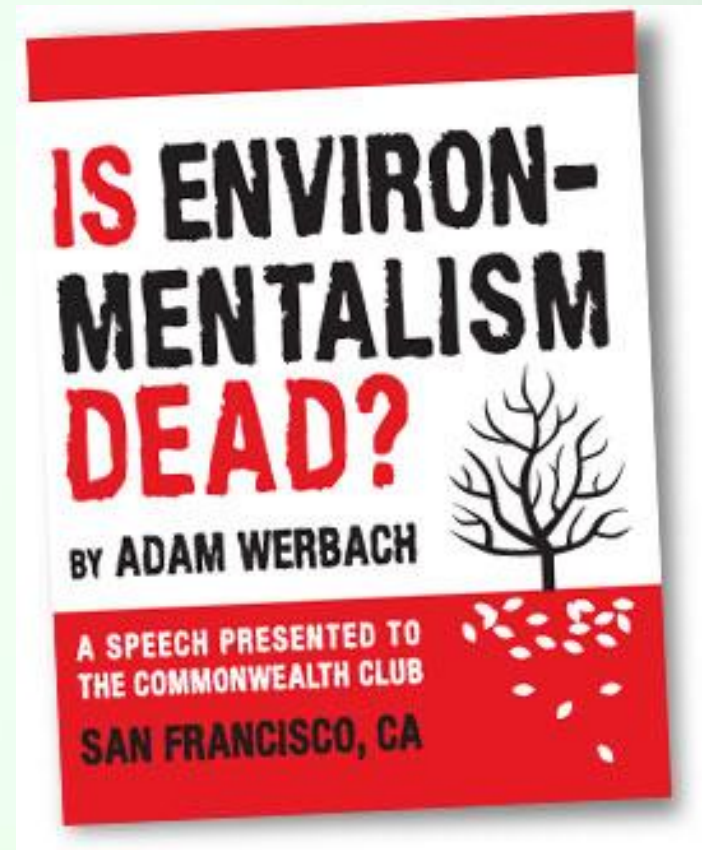
3. Can env 'fit' into a dev framework?

Development involves:

1. **Assets** and their productivity/person increase; unique assets (global public goods) protected
2. **People empowered** to access assets – and to invest in, manage, trade, and benefit from them
3. **Risks** to assets and to people are reduced
4. **Holistic approach** to many issues over **long term**

IIED has been:

➢ *Demonstrating how env is key to each of these four components*
➢ *Examining cases of joint policy/investment*
➢ *Exploring what env and dev institutions institutions/decisions did*

4. What *has* linked env and dev worlds?

Env m/stream learning group in TZ: "What e/d outcomes; what helped?"
- **Central coordination** – pov and env in Vice-President's Office
- **Outcome plans** – no 'priority sectors' but 'who can contribute'?
  - Allows env authority and ENGOs to integrate into sector budgets
- **Min. Finance** – review public env spending; link PRS to budget
- **Consult poor people** – 168 villages nationwide
- **Monitoring** – link pov and env indicators in dev M&E, census

Zambia learning group:
- **Coordination:** donor coherence; env units in ministries
- **Education:** years of env education by NGOs
- **Key tools:** many years of EIA and now SEA…

Vietnam learning group (March 2009)…
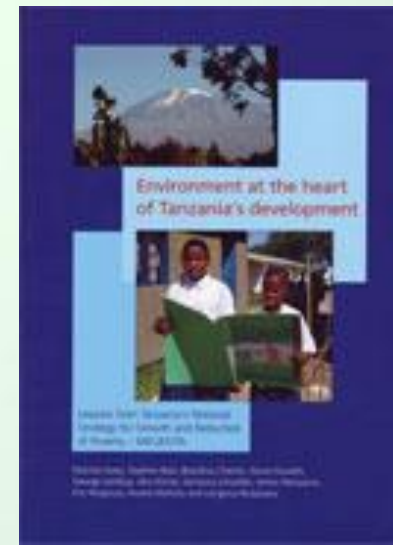
5. What tools have helped 'env mainstreaming'?

INFORMATION

- **Economic & financial assessment**
  - **green accounting, expenditure reviews**

- **Impact assessment & strategic analysis**
  - **EIA, SEA, SoE, Natural Step**

- **Spatial assessment**
  - **Land use planning, poverty mapping**

- **Monitoring & evaluation**
  - **Indicators, audits, SD reporting**

- **Policy analysis**
  - **Stakeholder/institutional mapping**

DELIBERATIVE & ENGAGEMENT

- **Participation & citizens' action**
  - **PLA, citizens' juries**

- **Political analysis & action**
  - **Coalition-forming, commissions**

- **Conflict management**
  - **Dispute resolution, arbitration**

PLANNING & ORGANISING

- **Legal tools**
  - **Public interest litigation, rights regime**
- **Visioning**
  - **Scenarios**
- **Management planning & control**
  - **QMS/EMS, ISO, risk assessments**

6. Looking forward: IIED env mainstreaming strategy

1. **Sourcebook** on tools/tactics – joint with OECD, UNDP, UNEP

2. **Country e/d learning groups** – do more, link internationally and to aid system (PEP+)

3. **Country support service**: esp for Pub Env Exp Reviews, econ case-making, SEA

4. **ICT/comms solutions** – link env and dev info…

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

Human Development Index and Ecological Footprint of Nations

Ecological Footprint (Global Hectares per Person) vs _Human Development Index_

Legend:
- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East and Central Asia
- North America

Threshold for high human development.

Global average available biocapacity per person with no area set aside for wild species.

Sustainable Development Quadrant