

For your final forum (whew! Aren't you relieved?), several articles are linked here for you to read. These are aimed at predictions of what Earth will be like in 2050. Some good news/some bad news.

Question 1. Concerning the issues presented here, and any others you would like to introduce, do you see any common underlying root cause?

Question 2. Do you think it is possible that in the coming 30 something years, by the 2050, that these environmental issues will be on the way to being solved?

Question 3. At the present rate of development engaged in by Earth's population, do you think sustainable development will be a reality in 2050? (PS: Note the definition given for "sustainable development" at the top of this webpage: <https://www.iisd.org/sd/>)

Find the contemporary knowledge platform on sustainable development at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.html>

http://wwf.panda.org/about_our_earth/all_publications/living_planet_report/

The 2014 Living Planet Report prepared by World Wildlife Fund summarizes that humanity's demands exceed our planet's capacity to sustain us. That is, we ask for more than what we have.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/05/140529-conservation-science-animals-species-endangered-extinction/> Species Extinction Happening 1,000 Times Faster Because of Humans?

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/s1051090.htm>

Global warming and death of species by 2050, starting with coral reefs, Great Barrier Reef

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/1472842.stm

This article reverberates much like the Aral Sea information you have – but this is the Dead Sea – gone by 2050.

And this one says that 2050 is looking good!

<http://www.businessinsider.com/the-world-in-2050-2014-6?op=1>

And this one is akin to "hitchhiker of the universe" and very interesting projected picture of life in 2050

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/2002/07/09/stardate-2050-interstellar-search-for-starbucks-begins/>

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/02/03/10-projections-for-the-global-population-in-2050/> This report predicts that birth rates will drop off significantly by 2050 in developing countries – good news – but that the global population is getting older which creates pressure on workers – bad news. Fewer people on the globe than previously predicted, however, is good news for the earth.