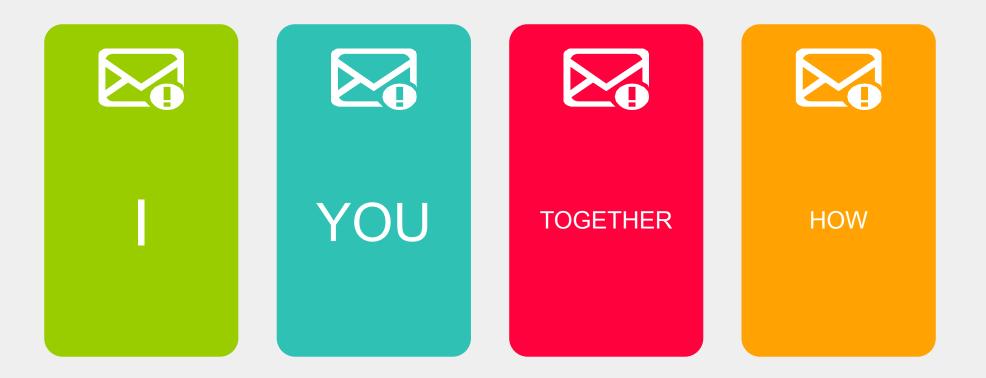
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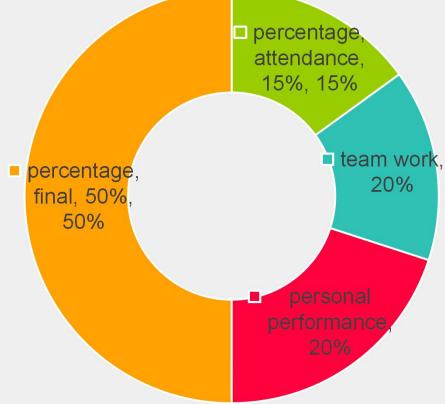
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A COUPLE OF THINGS BEFORE THE CLASS BEGINS.....



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LECTURE 1

The Environmental Challenges We Face







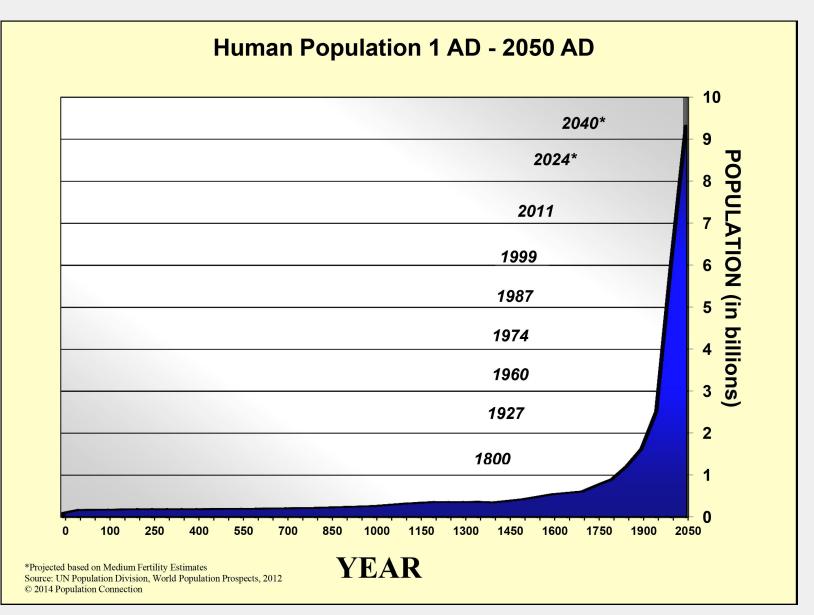
02. Sustainability and the Environment

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PART 01HUMAN IMPACTS
ON THE
ENVIRONMENT

Human population growth









WHAT IS POVERTY?

A condition in which people are unable to meet their basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, education, or health. <\$2

3.3 BILLION PEOPLE 1/2

The Gap Between Rich and Poor Countries

highly developed countries Countries with complex industrialized bases, low rates of population growth, and high per person incomes. 18%

moderately developed countries Countries with medium levels of industrialization and per person incomes lower than those of highly developed countries.

less developed countries Countries with low levels of industrialization, very high rates of population growth, very high infant mortality rates, and very low per person incomes relative to highly developed countries.

Population, Resources, and the Environment

Two useful generalizations about the relationships among population growth, consumption of natural resources, and environmental degradation

1) rapid population growth

2) increased consumption of energy (through such uses as heating, transportation, and manufacturing), material goods (such as cars, televisions, and cellular phones), and agricultural products (including food, animal feed, and wood products)

Types of Resources



nonrenewable resources Natural resources that are present in limited supplies and are depleted as they are used.

renewable resources Resources that are replaced by natural processes and that can be used forever, provided they are not overexploited in the short term.



Population Size and Resource Consumption

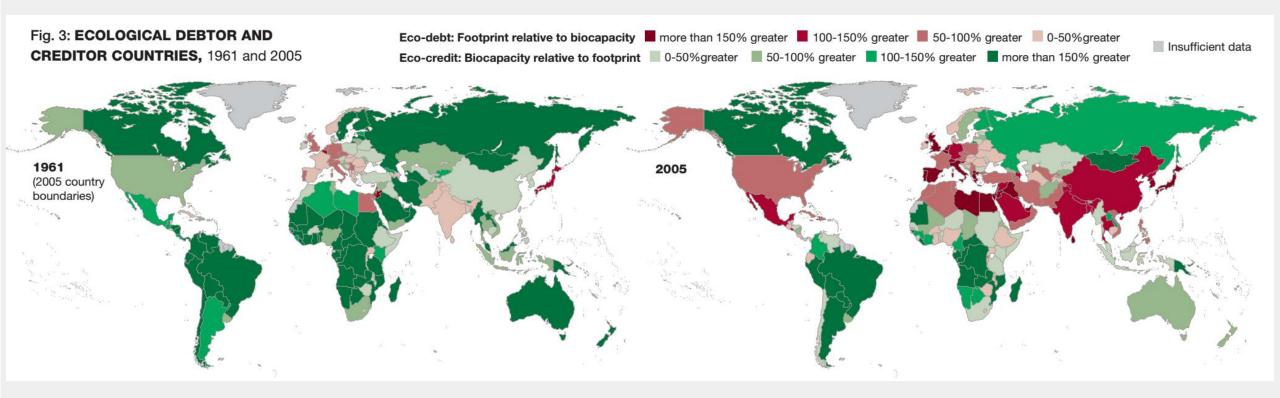
highly developed countries

- ✓ 86% of aluminum used
- ✓ 76% of timber harvested
- ✓ 68% of energy produced
- ✓ 61% of meat eaten
- \checkmark 42% of the fresh water consumed

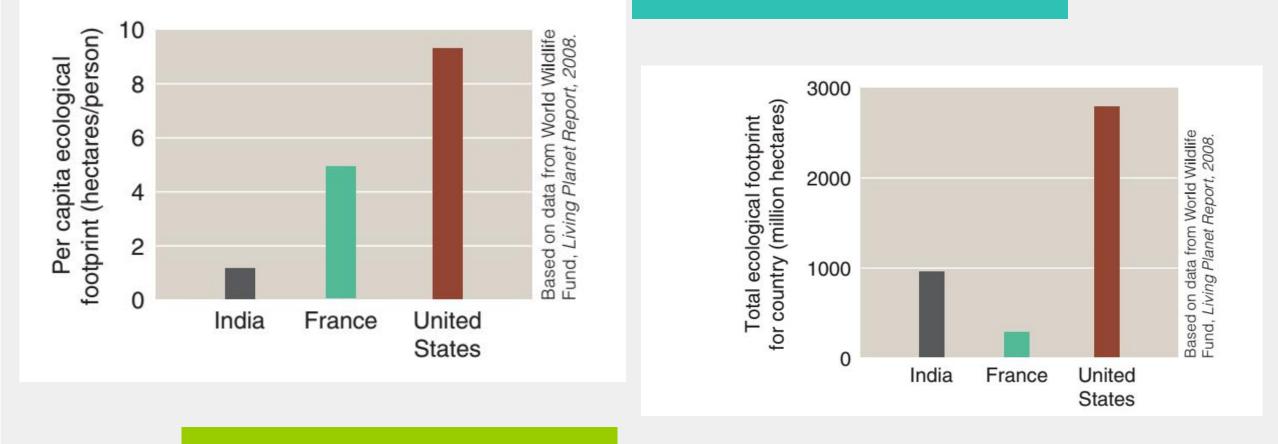


Ecological footprints

an amount of productive land, fresh water, and ocean required on a continuous basis to supply that person with food, wood, energy, water, housing, clothing, transportation, and waste disposal.



Source: Living Planet Report 2008



PART 02 SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

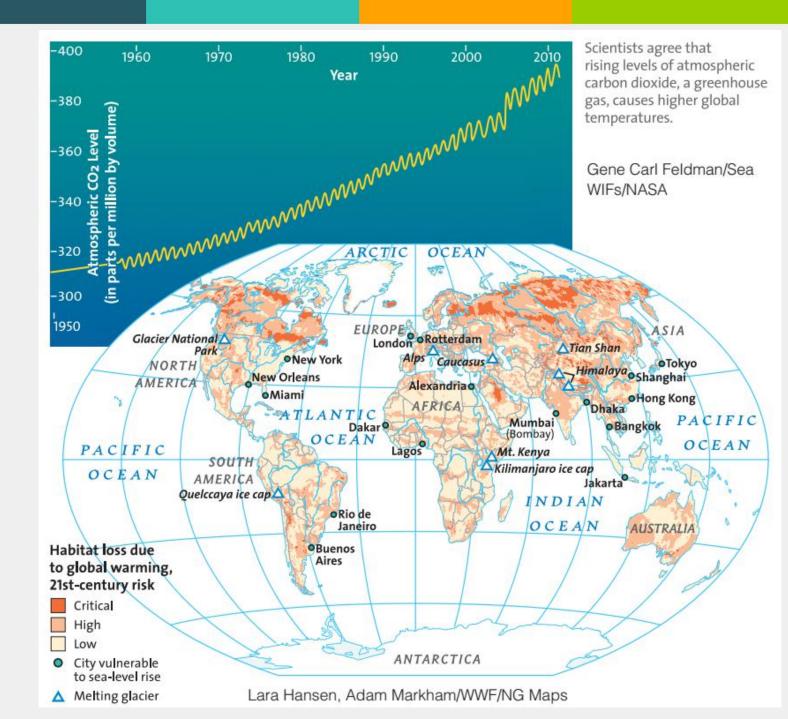
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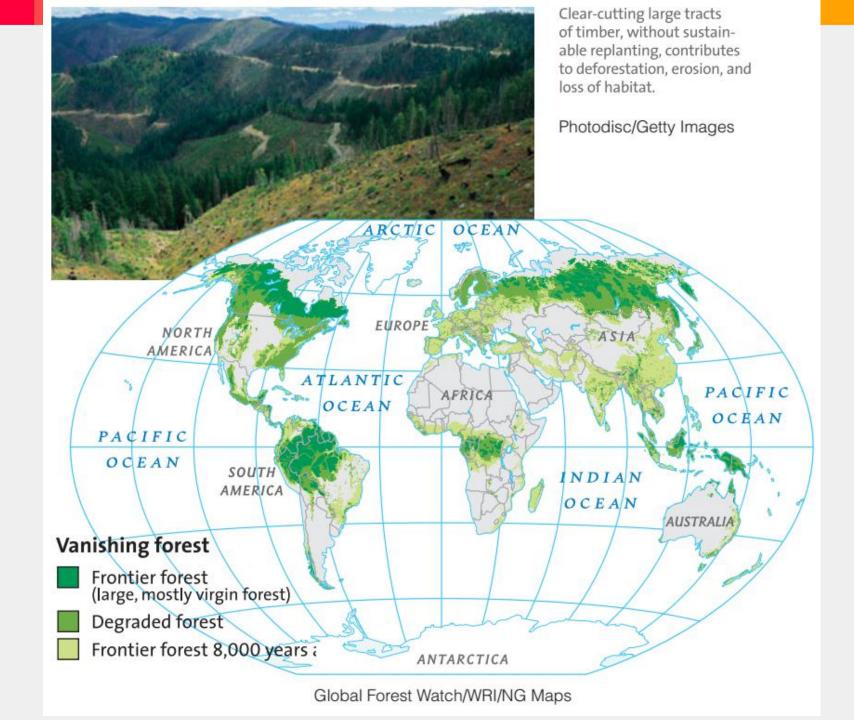
The ability to meet
humanity's current needs
without compromising the
ability of future
generations to meet their
needs.



Global Environmental Issues

- Global warming
- Deforestation
- Threathened oceans
- Desertification
- Polar ice cap
- Ozone depletion





PART 03 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The Goals of Environmental Science

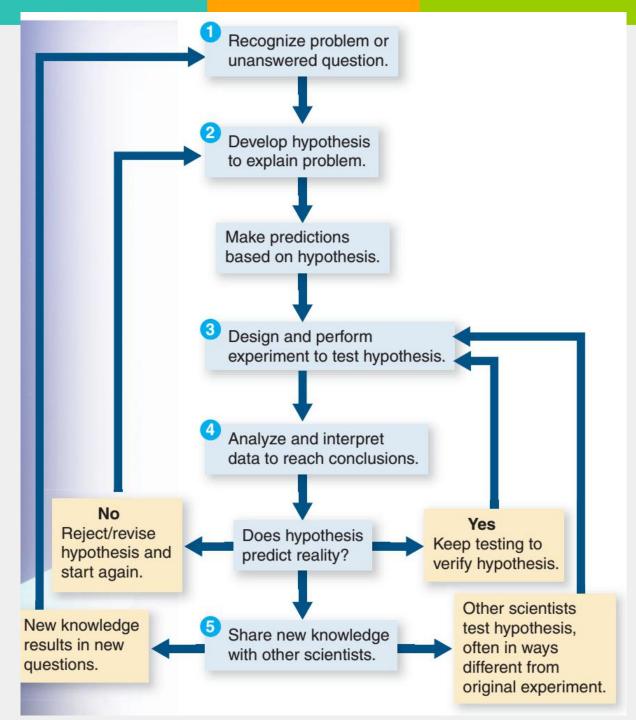
environmental science The interdisciplinary study of humanity's relationship with other organisms and the physical environment.

- ✓ try to establish general principles about how the natural world functions.
- ✓ use these principles to develop viable solutions to environmental problems.

 Unfortunately, many questions that are most important to environmental scientists cannot be formulated as testable

hypotheses.

- Despite the fact that theories are generally accepted, there is no absolute truth in science, only varying degrees of uncertainty.
- ✓ Uncertainty, however, does not mean that scientific conclusions are invalid.



PART 04

HOW WE HANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Five Stages in Addressing An Environmental Problem

Scientific assessment:

Problem is defined, hypotheses are tested, and models are constructed to show how present situation developed and to predict future course of events.

Public engagement:

Changing public attitudes involves explaining the problem, presenting available alternatives for action, and revealing probable risks, results, and costs of each choice.

Long-term environmental management:

Results of any action taken should be carefully monitored to see the environmental problem is being addressed.

Risk analysis:

Potential effects of various interventions including doing nothing—are analyzed to determine risks associated with each particular course of action.

Political considerations:

Elected officials, often at urging of their constituencies, implement a course of action based on scientific evidence as well as economic and social considerations.

HOMEWORK

Provide arguments for and against the following statement:

"Population growth in developing countries is of much concern than

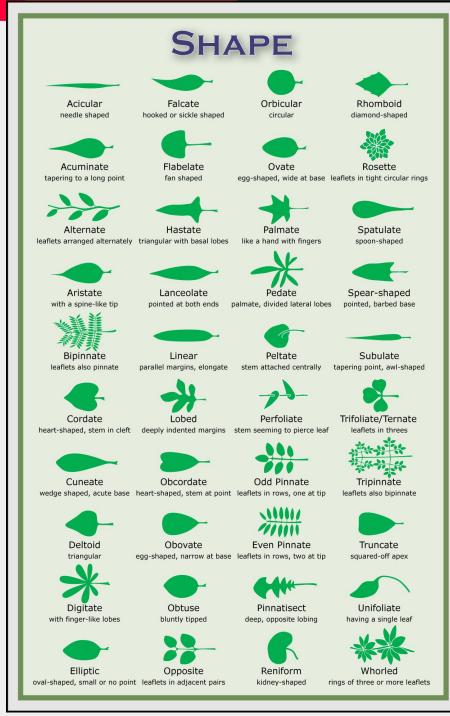
is population growth in highly developed countries."

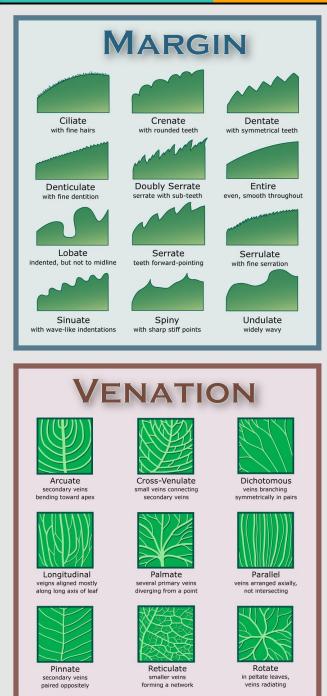






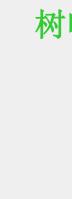




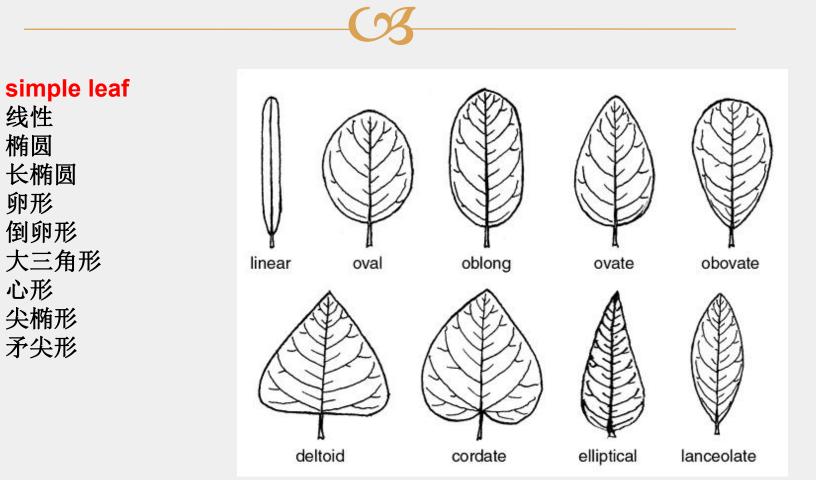


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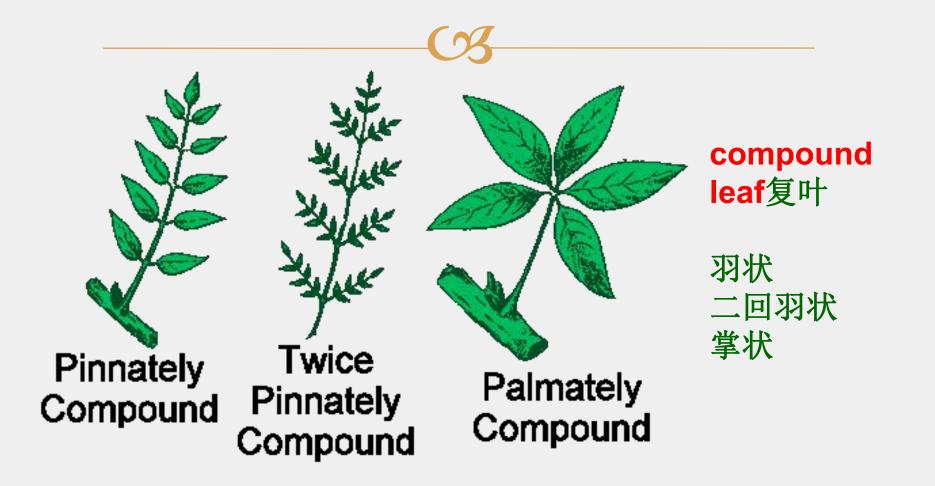
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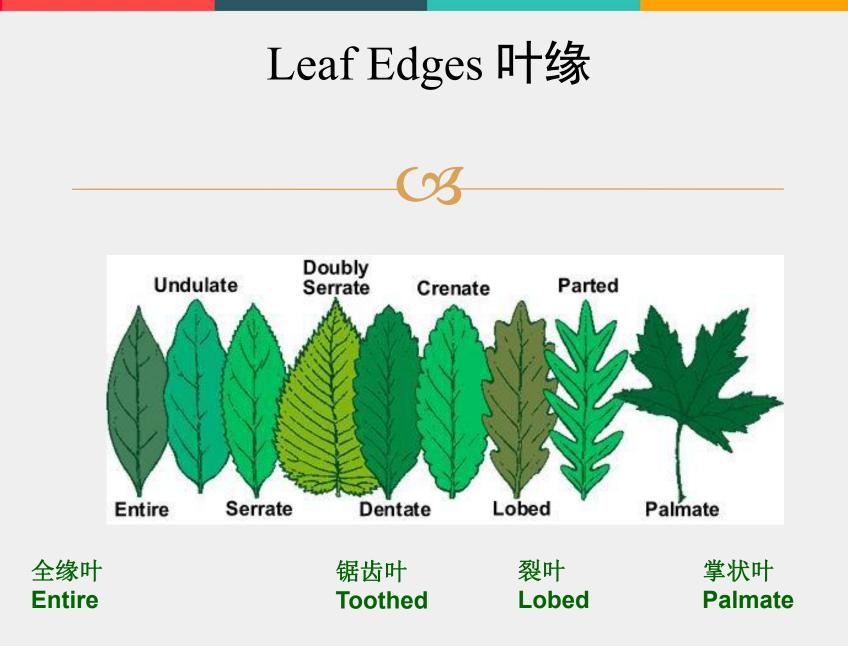


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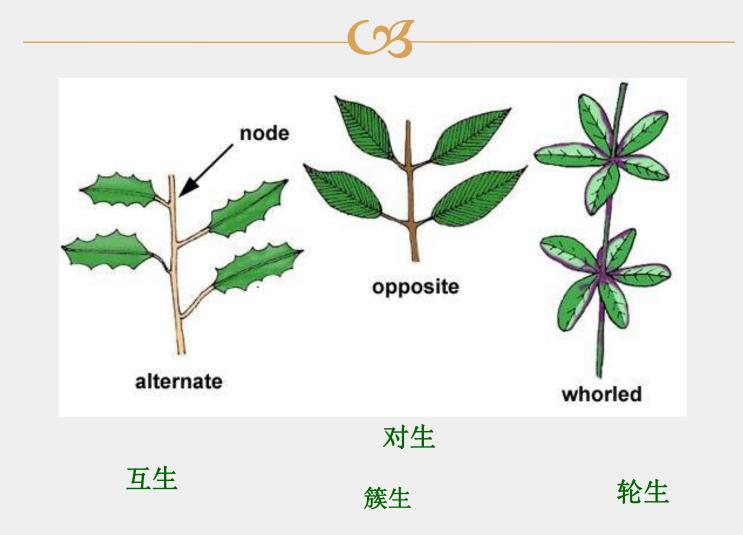


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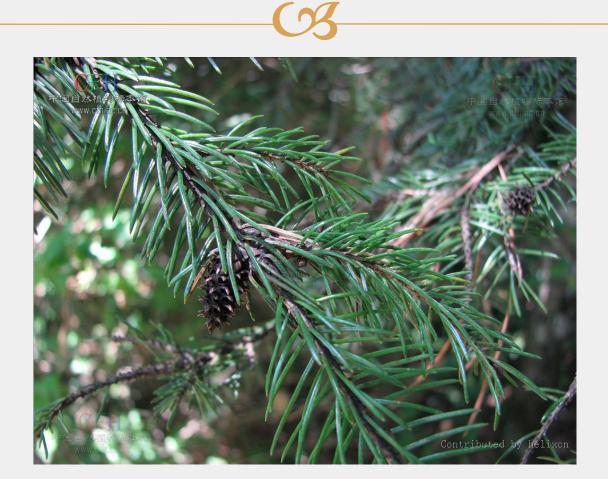


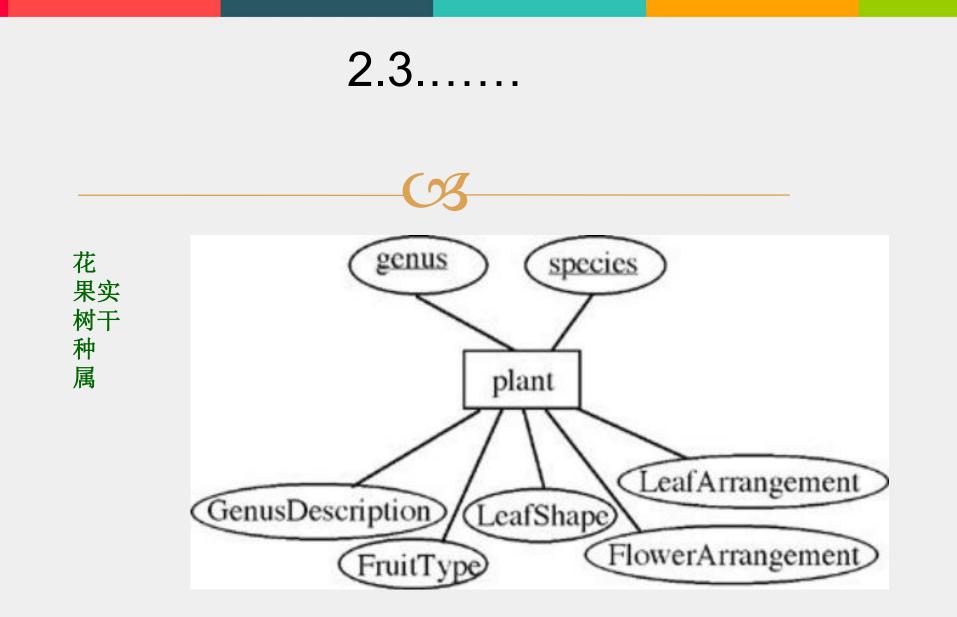
LeafArrangement叶的排列





Do it!





Philosophy of trees

Discuss.....树的价值

Your answers: