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DID YOU KNOW?

— a measurement has been developed which attempts to assess the impact of humans on nature — it's called an ecological footprint

— according to *Redefining Progress*, the ecological footprint of any defined population, from the individual to an entire city or country, is defined as "the area of biologically productive land and water occupied exclusively to produce the resources consumed and to assimilate the wastes generated by that population, using prevailing technology." This footprint often extends beyond the immediate location of the population, as resources are used from all over the world, and wastes affect the world on a global scale.

— This footprint can then be compared to the available eco—capacity. If we divided all the biologically productive land and sea of the earth by the number of people (nearly 6 billion), there would be an average of 5.5 acres of eco—capacity available per person. However, this figure does not make any allowances for space and resources needed by the other 30 million or so species on earth. Moreover, with a projected global population of 10 billion people in the year 2050, the eco—capacity per person will drop to less than 3 acres.

— Worldwide, humanity's footprint exceeds the earth's total eco—capacity by about 25 percent. Remember, that is without saving some of this eco—capacity for other life!

So what is the footprint of the average Canadian? A whopping 18 acres! We are amongst the seven percent of the world's population who together share about 40 percent of its resources. Though we are fortunate enough to live in a country with an eco—capacity greater than our needs, in terms of global equality, we are definitely hogging the goods.

How can society reduce our impact on nature? *Redefining Progress* elucidates on three complementary strategies to reduce humanity's footprints while not compromising quality of life:

- sustainably improve the bio—productivity of nature
- make better use of harvested resources by using less input to produce the same output
- consume less both by reducing consumption per person, and by decreasing the human population

For more information on ecological footprints and other sustainability issues, check out <http://www.rprogress.org>

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