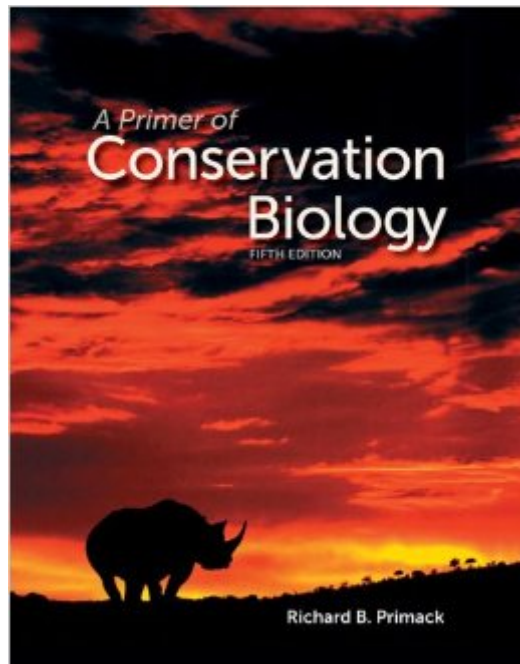


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# A Primer Of Conservation Biology, Fifth Edition



## **Synopsis**

A Primer of Conservation Biology, Fifth Edition incorporates background, theory, and examples in a lively and readable text that will appeal to a wide audience and stimulate interest in conservation biology. The book provides the most up-to-date perspective on many high-profile issues in the field, such as sustainable development, global warming, payments for ecosystem services, and strategies to save species on the verge of extinction. The Primer is divided into nine chapters, focusing successively on biological diversity and its value, the threats to biological diversity, conservation at the population and species levels, protecting, managing and restoring ecosystems, and sustainable development. The book provides many examples of successful conservation approaches, such as one involving sea turtles in Brazil, and ends with suggestions for a future agenda. Throughout, the choice of examples is well balanced to show the full range of species, ecosystems, and geographic areas of the world. These examples are also selected to demonstrate the controversies in the field, and stimulate thought and discussion. The links between conservation biology and environmental law, environmental economics, philosophy, social sciences and anthropology, park management, and government policy are clearly presented. The book is very well illustrated in full-colour. The reader-friendly text is backed by an extensive bibliography (covering literature through 2012) and a glossary. There is an annotated list of suggested readings, a summary, and discussion questions at the end of each chapter. Key conservation organizations and their websites are presented in an Appendix. A Primer of Conservation Biology is ideally suited for use in short undergraduate modules, either as a stand-alone text or supplemented by outside readings. It can also be used effectively as a supplemental resource in courses in introductory biology, general ecology, population biology, environmental science, and wildlife management. Its broad perspective, concise format, and appealing writing style make the Primer the perfect choice for students, professionals, government policymakers, and others who are eager to learn more about conservation biology. These same qualities give the book a strong appeal to students whose first language is not English.

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Rihard Primack's *Essentials of Conservation Biology* was the the first textbook to present the fledgling field of conservation biology in a comprehensive fashion. His *Primer of Conservation Biology* presents complex topics in a manner that makes this information accessible to a wider readership. The book covers a broad range of topics that includes an accounting of the origins and history of the field of conservation biology. The basic operating principles are offered with numerous examples of their application to real world problems. The author has chosen these examples from many different parts of the world so that all readers can relate to the practical approaches cited. This book serves as an excellent introductory text for readers that want a thorough introduction to conservation biology and access to the jargon of the field. I have recommended this book to students considering entering the field as well as to non-scientists that wish to become familiar with the basics of this new branch of science.

I've been looking for an appropriate text for my conservation course for a number of years. When I first developed the class, I used *Wildlife Issues in a Changing World*, which is fairly outdated now. I'd say that, in terms of principles, these books overlap about 50%, but *A Primer Of Conservation Biology* is up-to-date with its examples (this is for the 5th edition). The *Primer* covers laws and policies in much less detail, but I like the chapters dealing with populations and ethics. Key issues I need to cover include:- invasive species- habitat loss and fragmentation- overharvest- population dynamics- ethics- hunting and trapping in a modern world- specific case histories I've gone through each chapter and made my notes. I'll know more when I receive student evaluations next semester!

I took *Wildlife Ecology & Management* and this was the required textbook for the class. It is actually easy to read and enjoyable and explains concepts well although I definitely still needed lecture to fully understand some of the concepts. I feel like this is one of those textbooks I could read even if I wasn't in college, simply for the pleasure of gaining knowledge.

The book is small and easy to transport around, unlike many of the other textbooks we are assigned these days. It's easy to read, clear, concise, and some of the more applicable sections are interesting to read.

The book was promptly received and contains valuable, easily discernible information concerning conservation topics. I highly recommend this book. A+

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