

AOS/NIES 171  
Prof. Hitchman

Writing Assignment #3                      **Biodiversity**                      10 points

The first draft will be due Tuesday, April 10. We will give you written feedback and an initial grade. You will then have an opportunity to rewrite your paper, with the second draft due on Tuesday, April 24 (please include both drafts).

Read the following three articles on the course website under assignments and study guides, from the book

*Biodiversity* (1988), Edited by E. O. Wilson, National Academy Press, Washington D.C.:

- a) "The Current State of Biological Diversity", E. O. Wilson, pp. 3-18
- b) "A Christian View of Biodiversity", J. B. Cobb, Jr., pp. 481-485
- c) "The Earth as a Living Organism", J. E. Lovelock, pp. 486-489

Write a 4-5 page response paper, including the following components:

- 1) a title appropriate to your theme,
- 2) an opening paragraph which clearly outlines where you intend to go with your paper,
- 3) brief descriptions of each of the three authors' main ideas,
- 4) the relative merits of Wilson's, Cobb's and Lovelock's views,
- 5) and your opinion about the relevance and status of biodiversity.