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P5: Executive Summary

Main threats should include:

- Over-population.
- Urban sprawl, including micro climate changes.
- Pollution and soil degradation.
- Chemical imbalances, including salt intrusions.
- Disruption of species balances (including predator disruption at various levels).
- Uncontrolled scientific developments, particularly in genetics.
- Disruption of migratory patterns. P8: Principles
- A natural balance with biodiversity is essential for our existence.
- Biodiversity must be within a natural balance – foreign biodiversity must be very consciously managed.
- Biodiversity can only survive within a specific physical environment of air, water, temperature and chemical composition.

P10 Include:

- Over-population and inappropriate development.

P12/13 (1.1.2) Key priorities should include:

- Direct strategies by government to change industrial habits.
- Wide public education, especially in pollution-reduction strategies.
- Emphasis on native plants vs. exotics – e.g. in gardens, streets, etc., and also in agribusiness.
- Heavy research into soil preservation, pollution reduction, etc.