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Summary for Policymakers

This book summarizes a decade of research on the question of *whether institutions matter* in tackling environmental problems. Institutional analysis is on the cutting edge of the social sciences today. Institutions have been critical forces in shaping "real world" environmental governance responses and therefore are significant not only for scientific but also for policy advances. Institutions are defined in the research as systems of rights, rules, and decision-making procedures. The studies indicate that institutions play a role both in causing and addressing problems that arise from human-environment interactions but that the nature of this role is complex. The book aims both to inform policymakers in their efforts to address the challenges posed by problems such as loss of biological diversity, degradation of forests and oceans, and the overarching issue of climate change, and to prompt further scientific enquiry.

Overview

Institutions give rise to social practices, assign roles to the participants in these practices, and govern the interactions among the occupants of the various roles. Environmental and resource regimes are types of institution. They address situations in which actions can degrade ecosystems through overuse of natural resources (e.g. fish stocks) or due to unintended side effects (e.g. air pollution). Approached in this way, regimes constitute important components of governance systems at levels of social organization ranging from the local to the global. Institutions are distinct from organizations, which are material entities typically possessing personnel, offices, budgets, a legal personality, and so forth. Organizations play important roles in the administration and management of regimes dealing with a wide range of topics (e.g. the US Environmental Protection Agency, the International Maritime Organization).

The work reported in this volume constitutes the scientific legacy of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) core project on the Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change (IDGEC). The project's Science Plan highlighted two sets of issues: (i) research foci or questions about the causality, performance, and design of institutions; and (ii) the themes of institutional fit, interplay, and scale. It also focused attention on the science-policy interface, reviewing ways in which research could influence policy and policymakers could help shape research agendas. The synthesis phase of the project harvested the scientific findings, investigated policy implications of those findings, and explored new directions in research. The main topics and policy-relevant findings of the research are outlined below.

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