

Discussion: Week 1

(0) Class distributions of ecological footprints?

(1) Is your ecological footprint higher or lower than you expected?

(2) What factors are the largest contributors to your ecological footprint?  
What would it take to decrease the size of your ecological footprint?

(3) What does an ecological footprint represent? How can we link it to ideas of carrying capacity or sustainability?

(4) Is this a fair measure of your personal environmental impact on the planet's resources? How might you refine or modify this test?

The ecological footprint implies that if you buy locally grown food and eat a vegan diet, you'll have less impact on the environment. Does that seem realistic in San Diego?

What other catch phrases might we use as organizing principles? Kyoto Protocol? Reduce/reuse/recycle? Think globally/act locally?