

JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH



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The programs in the **Journey to Planet Earth** series explore the fragile relationship between people and the world they inhabit. A common thread runs throughout all the programs — the necessity to achieve a balance between the needs of people and the needs of the environment. Loss of farmland to urban development, the pollution of the Earth's rivers, inadequate housing and water resources for those living in the world's mega-cities — these are just some of the topics covered in **Journey to Planet Earth**.

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The Urban Explosion

Explore a major dilemma of the 21st century: how to sustain the world's exploding urban population without destroying the delicate balance of our environment.

Land of Plenty, Land of Want

Investigate the fundamental challenge facing today's farmers: how to feed the world's growing population without endangering our environment.

On the Brink

Examine how severe environmental problems can lead to political crises and increased hostilities around the world.

Seas of Grass

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Hot Zones

See how changes in global and local ecosystems are connected to the increased spread of infectious diseases.

Future Conditional

Investigate the link between environmental change and the health of our planet as millions of people must cope with the spread of toxic pollution.

The State of the Planet

Discover the elegance of diversity and the rich tapestry of the natural world—a world shaped by people, by those who are strongly tied to the land and who draw from its bounty.

State of the Planet's Wildlife

Investigate what scientists call "the sixth great extinction of the world's animals" and what we are doing to stop it.

State of the Ocean's Animals

Investigate why so many of our ocean's animals are disappearing. Case studies focus on global issues including climate change, sea-level rise, over-fishing and habitat destruction.

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