

Environment Legislations In India

Name	YEAR	OBJECTIVES	POWER	PENALTIES	DRAWBACKS
Wildlife Protection Act	1972	To protect and conserve the wildlife species of India. Defines the wildlife related terminologies, establishment of NP, WS, Central Zoo Authority, Governs for trade and commerce in wildlife species etc.	Resides with Central Govt. Rule applicable in all India except J&K.	Prison: 1-7 seven years, Rs. 5000/-	Mild penalties, illegal trade, personal ownership of tiger skin, no monitoring in zoos, little importance given to plant genetic resources.
Forest (Conservation) Act	1980 Amended in 1992	To protect and conserve all types of forest resources of India.	Resides with both State and Central Govt. Rule applicable in all India except J&K.	Imprisonment upto merely 15 days.	Flouting of rules, improper monitoring. Almost negligible penalty
Environment Protection Act	1986	Umbrella act to covers all aspects of the environment protection & conservation and related threats.	Central Govts and state govts. Covers all India.	Imprisonment upto 3 years, Rs. 25000/-	Mild penalties, incessant flouting of rules, zero community participation, hunting poaching etc.
Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act	1974	Cover water conservation, prevention, control and abatement of pollution	Central and state govt. and authorised bodies	Imprisonment upto 3 months, Rs. 10,000/-	Improper implementation, mild penalties, lack of monitoring
Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act	1981	Prevention, control and abatement of air pollution	Central and state govt. and authorised bodies	Imprisonment upto 3 months, Rs. 10,000/-	Improper implementation, mild penalties, lack of monitoring
Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (recognition of Forest Rights) Act	2006	Covers the rights of forest dwellers to land and other forest resources.	Central and State Govt. Ministry of tribal affairs(Nodal body)	Punishable by law.	Criticisms, improper use of act by undeserving people, lack of proper understanding and implementation