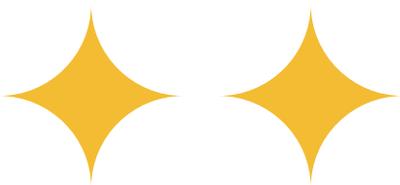




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Natural Resources Part - 2



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Introduction

As we discussed in our previous tutorial, we all know now that ever since the earth was inhabited, humans and other life forms have depended on things that exist freely in nature to survive.

These things include water (seas and fresh water), land, soils, rocks, forests (vegetation), animals (including fish), fossil fuels and minerals.

They are called Natural Resources and are the basis of life on earth. We use them to survive and also to function properly.

Types of Natural Resources

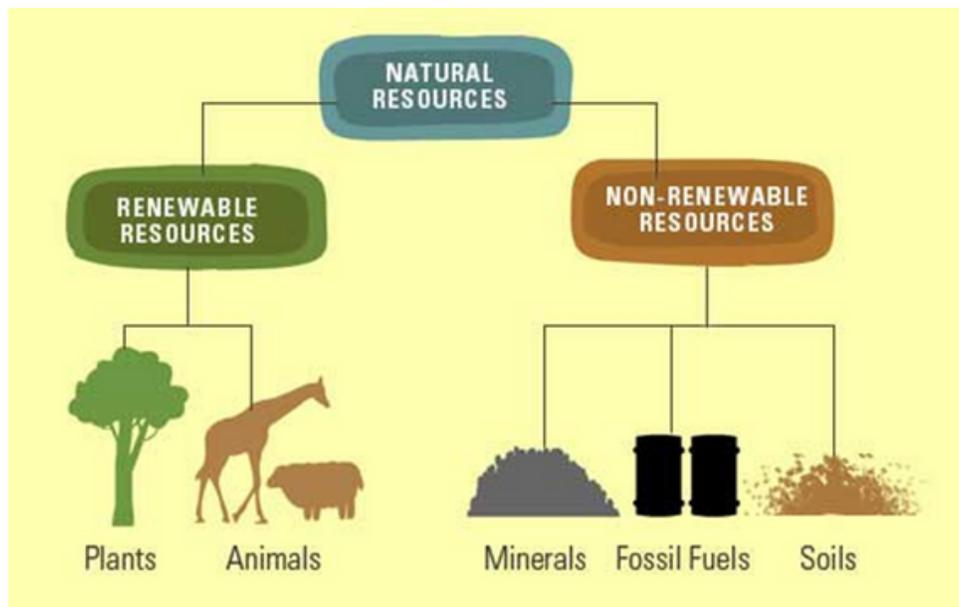
Let's revise the information about Renewable and Non-Renewable Natural Resources.

Renewable

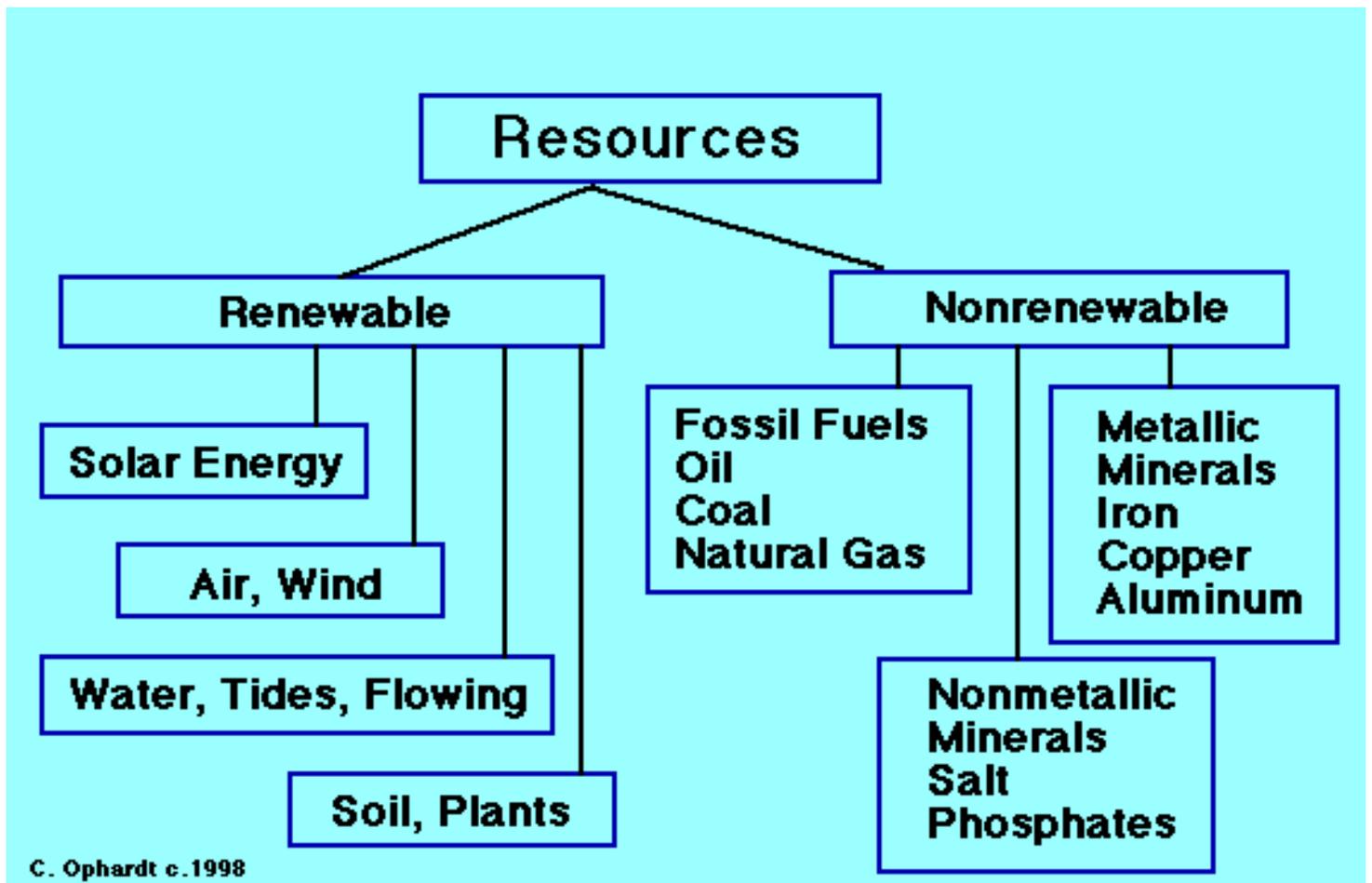
All the resources that are constantly available (like water) or can be reasonably replaced or recovered, like vegetative lands.

Non-Renewable

Includes those which cannot be easily replaced once they are destroyed. For example - fossil fuels.



Some Important Natural Resources



Importance

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Do you know that the the world economy uses around 60 billion tons of resources each year in order to produce the materials we consume.

We consume natural resources mostly in 3 forms

Food and drink

Transport

Construction and Development

we can conclude that we consume much more resources from our environment daily. The role of natural resources in sustaining life on earth is extremely important and we must ensure that we protect the environment and make it easy for it to replenish itself naturally.

Concerns and Solutions

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Too much or too little natural resources -

In many regions of the world a mix of limited resources, over population and environmental degradation causes poverty and income inequality. This problem is even bigger in regions with excess natural resources.

Solutions - We all NEED to play our role...

Education and Public Awareness

Our Responsibilities as a consumer - give back to the environment by way of reducing waste, recycling waste and becoming a part of the solution.

Governments must enforce policies that protect the environment.



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