

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee: Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

Sustainability. It is a word that we hear often, but what do we really mean when we use the word?

According to Webster, the definition is that it is able to be used without being completely used up or destroyed. According to dictionary.com, it means to be sustained, supported, upheld or confirmed.

From environmental science, it means the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance.

According to the *Primer on Sustainability* from IPJC, it refers to the systems and processes that are able to operate and persist on their own over long periods of time.

Francis writes that: "... we speak of 'sustainable use,' consideration must always be given to each ecosystem's regenerative ability in its different areas and aspects'." (Paragraph 140)

What is your definition of sustainability? Do you practice sustainability? If so, how? If not, why not?