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The 1980 World Conservation Strategy (WCS 1980) defines conservation as "management of the human use of the biosphere so that it may yield the greatest sustainable benefit to present generations while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations." This definition broke an 80-year tradition of defining conservation as management of resources and centered the definition squarely on management of human use. For the first time, it allowed some hope that the more romantic followers of John Muir and the parks-and-preserves movement, who never subscribed to resource management, could be reconciled with the utilitarian followers of Gifford Pinchot (one of the first US foresters) and Theodore Roosevelt. It allowed that biological diversity conservation might be thought of as a social science and begged the question of why biological diversity conservation evolved from the biological sciences in the first place. This book superbly illustrates the insight and power that derive from the new focus.

Effective conservation is a blend of science, technology, and sociopolitical process. Most biological scientists who lean toward...

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