

The Anthropocene era has been marked by such significant human pressure that it has led to the sixth mass extinction. *The Baseline Concept in Biodiversity Conservation* interprets human domination of the Earth as the process of gradual landscape change, the execution of which is neither linear nor homogeneous.

This book is structured around three key questions: Where and when did everything go wrong? How do we define baseline states for biodiversity conservation strategies? How are reference states mobilized in a concrete way through case studies?

Today, biodiversity conservation faces a dilemma that this book sheds light on: return to states less modified by humans than today but in a world that has changed significantly; or, let the nature of tomorrow express itself where it still can but without a road map.

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