

Quick Guide to Resources in International Environmental Economics

Library Basics

Two library catalogs are **Pathfinder** and **Melvyl**. Pathfinder is the library catalog for the main library and selected branch libraries on the Berkeley Campus. Melvyl is the library catalog for the entire UC system. To search for books you want, try a variety of keyword, title and subject searches.

To borrow books from other libraries see the library page on interlibrary services:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/services/borrowing_other.html

To connect to Berkeley databases from off campus you need to configure your Internet browser to use the library proxy server. See http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Help/connecting_off_campus.html for details.

Databases – Cambridge Scientific Abstracts

There is no one database for environmental economics and/or policy. Some databases can be searched simultaneously through the *Cambridge Scientific Abstracts* portal. To get there go to the [Electronic Resources Finder](#) page here:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/find/types/electronic_resources.html

Select “political science” under “subjects a-z” and choose **Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**. From there you get access to a [large suite of databases that can be searched all at once](#). These include the following:

- **PAIS International** – Public Policy and International Affairs. Includes many primary sources.
- **Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management** – focus is on the sciences but has some policy and economics related articles
- **IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences** – broad interdisciplinary database covering many topics.
- **Worldwide Political Science Abstracts** – database on most aspects of international political economy
- **Sociological Abstracts** – Articles, books, chapters, proceedings on all aspects of Sociology.

Other Databases

In addition, there are several other databases in economics and international development that may be useful. Go to the Electronic Resource Finder and search by title:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/find/types/electronic_resources.html

- **Econlit** – Most comprehensive scholarly database on economics. The database has a good number of articles on environmental economics and policy.
- **Geography** – Includes among other things the database “international development abstracts”.
- **Agricola** – records for documents acquired by the National Agricultural Library of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; focus is on US Agriculture and policy.
- **JSTOR** – Full-text database of core journals in several fields. The best of the best.
- **IDEAS** – One of my personal favorites. Contains articles and working papers in all areas of economics. <http://ideas.repec.org/> (Not listed on library web site).

Statistical Databases

Comprehensive page on international statistics is at the following site.. Some of the most useful are listed below:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_intlstats.html

- **World Development Indicators.** Excellent multidisciplinary database that allows downloads for multiple countries annually, from 1960 to the present.
- **FAOSTAT.** (Limited to select workstations in Doe & Giannini Foundation Libraries). Data on agriculture, forest products and fisheries from the FAO.
- **Comtrade** – Powerful United Nations Statistical Database on Commodity Trade.
- **Eurostat.** Detailed statistics from the European Union.
- **Official Statistics on the Web.** Social and economic data from government sources worldwide.
- **GEO Data Portal.** Data from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Variables and spatial data, on freshwater, population, forests, emissions, climate, disasters, and health.

Government Information

A number of International Government Organizations contain full-text databases on issues relating to environmental economics and policy. These are listed on the following page:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_intlfulltxt.html

[FAO Corporate Depository.](#) FAO documents and publications, as well as selected non-FAO publications.

[United Nations Research Institute for Social Development \(UNRISD\).](#) UN agency researching the social dimensions of development. Full-text documents on a wide range of development issues.

[UNBISnet.](#) Most comprehensive database for UN documents & publications, from the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

[World Bank e-Library](#) (UCB Only). Database of full-text World Bank publications, from 1993.

[World Development Sources.](#) Full-text of World Bank project reports, including country and economic sector work, evaluation reports, working papers, and project appraisals.

[World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Documents Online Database.](#) Documents from the World Trade Organization from 1994.

International Legal Sources

See handout on international law: http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_intllaw.html. Some of the sources listed include

[ECOLEX.](#) Database on international environmental law from the FAO, IUCN and UNEP.

[WTO Reporter.](#) Database on multilateral trade negotiations

[International Environment Reporter.](#) Information on international environmental laws, regulations, and policies

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