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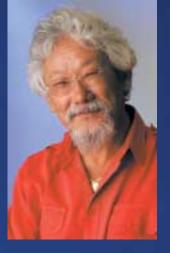
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Sustainability is like a big jigsaw puzzle, with billions of different pieces. And these different pieces represent every person on the planet.

Individuals make personal choices in their daily lives that reflect their environmental values, while scientists study the best ways to protect critical wildlife habitat. Passionate activists volunteer their precious time to educate the public about curbing greenhouse gas emissions. And policy experts examine legislative options and issue recommendations to our elected leaders.



Putting these pieces together is what the David Suzuki Foundation is all about.

Sustainability means improving our quality of life without sacrificing the environment. Consider these examples: cars that operate without emitting dangerous air pollution that chokes our cities. Compact fluorescent lightbulbs that use a fraction of the energy of traditional lights. Paper made from recycled sources that don't destroy our forests. All of these are real world examples of sustainability in action.

Our elected leaders often talk of the environment and the economy as two separate entities. But they just aren't thinking big enough. Sustainability is a way of living in harmony with the earth's natural systems.

There's a place for us all in the jigsaw puzzle of sustainability. And when it all comes together, it will be a beautiful picture indeed.

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Message from the President

Sustainability is hard concept for many people to understand. That's because it's not about what you see. It's about what you don't see.

Imagine cities without smog. Vast forests without clearcut patches. Companies that get tax breaks for leasing fuel efficient vehicles. At the David Suzuki Foundation we try to make these goals a reality each day.

Our Climate Change team continues to research the best environmental policies that will help Canada meet its targets under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And the Foundation's Sustainability program has developed several important policy recommendations to make Canada an environmental leader by the year 2030.

Not to be outdone, our Oceans and Sustainable Fisheries program is hard at work promoting practices that will protect and restore our marine ecosystems for the future.

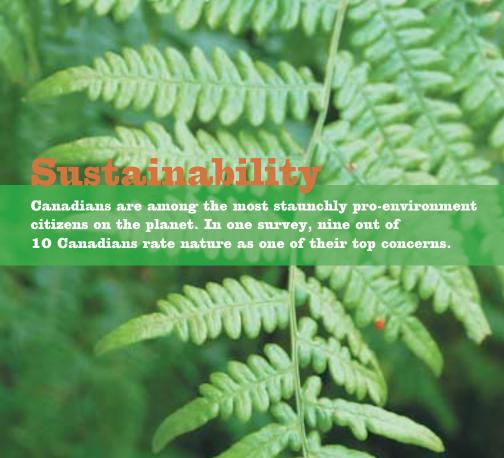
The Foundation's Four Great Rivers project trains community members in Tibet in the best conservation planning methods, while our Nature Challenge helps Canadians make sustainable choices right here at home.

As many of you know, our Executive Director Jim Fulton is away on medical leave. In his absence, our board of directors has appointed Timothy H. Rendell as interim Chief Executive Officer and David Hocking as acting Executive Director. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery.

We hope that as you read through this annual report you'll feel good about the successes our programs have achieved this past year. You've helped them comettue.

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The Sustainability team works to identify and promote policy changes that conserve the health of Canadians and the rich natural wealth of this country. To do so, we look to countries like Sweden and the U.K. which have developed strategic national sustainability plans.

Using our document, Sustainability Within a Generation, as a roadmap for Canada, the Sustainability team focuses on three key policy areas: making the markets reward sustainability, reducing pollution and thereby improving human health, and protecting biodiversity. These practical policy solutions will help all Canadians live healthier without sacrificing our quality of life.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ranking Canada's environmental performance

Canadians expect their country to be a global environmental leader. Yet a study released by the Foundation concluded that Canada ranks 28th out of 30 industrialized countries on several environmental indicators.



The Maple Leaf in the OECD: Comparing Progress to Sustainability was downloaded more than 24,000 times from our website. In her first public speech, federal Minister of Environment Rona Ambrose referred to the report's findings.

Promoting sustainability

When David Suzuki visited more than 25 Canadian cities to promote his latest bestseller, *The Autobiography*, he spoke to thousands of supporters. A Foundation representative accompanied Dr. Suzuki on tour, handing out materials and answering questions. The results were impressive. More than 1,500 people completed



completed postcards asking the Prime Minister to implement a national sustainability plan, and Dr. Suzuki's efforts boosted traffic to our website by more than 40 per cent.

Driving into a sustainable future

Thousands of company cars are used by Canadian businesses each year. Under current tax rules, employees with company cars pay additional income tax based on the vehicle's cost. Our *Drive Green* report proposes that employees with fuel-efficient cars should be taxed lower than those driving less-fuel efficient vehicles. Known as ecological fiscal reform (EFR), this type of policy corrects market prices to include social costs. Our sustainability team discussed this proposal with the federal departments of Finance, Environment, Natural Resources, and Transport.

Linking the environment to human health

Reducing pollution is related to health and the economy. To raise awareness about these important connections, the Foundation produced *The Air We Breathe*, which compared Canadian air quality guidelines to those of other industrialized countries. We found that the federal government could do much more to prevent premature deaths from air pollution. The report generated incredible media attention and the Minister of Environment admitted that it was "spot on" in its analysis.

Educating Canadians about hidden dangers in the home

The Foundation made recommendations to the federal government's review of new guidelines for radon – a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in some homes and other buildings. We suggested that Canada's guidelines should match other countries such as the U.S. and Australia. We also produced a list of 60 active ingredients found in pesticides still available in Canada that have been banned in other countries and presented it to the federal Minister of Health.

Protecting biodiversity

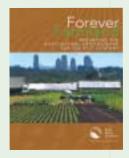
If a province fails to adequately protect species, the federal government may step in using an emergency provision. The Foundation filed a legal petition asking the federal Minister of Environment to protect the Northern Spotted Owl habitat in B.C. The petition generated numerous mentions in key national and

international media, including the science journal *Nature*. Legal proceedings continue.

Keeping farmland free from urban sprawl

Although British Columbia's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) protects the province's farmland from encroaching industrial development, there's increasing pressure to exclude the best land from the ALR. Our report, *Forever Farmland*, explained the importance of developing an accountable process for managing

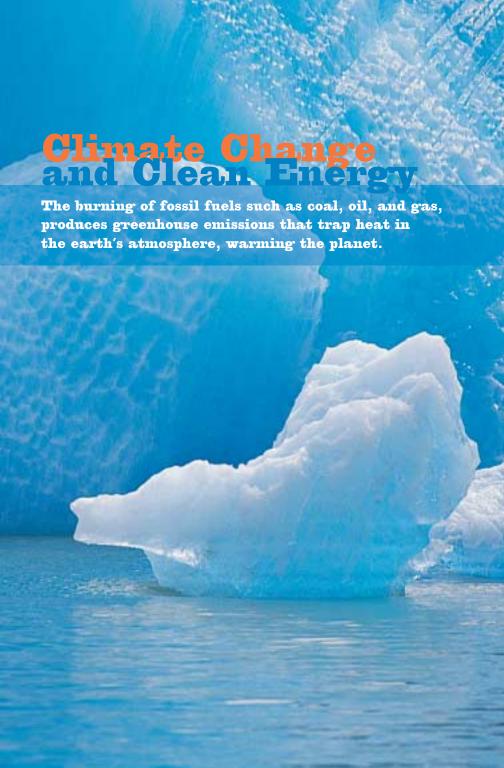
the ALR. Our recommendations received accolades from the provincial Minister of Agriculture and Lands as well as other decisionmakers and the



public. In the summer of 2006, two important applications for removal were rejected.

Adding to the scientific literature

Our Director of Science, Dr. Faisal Moola, published a scientific article on the Northern Spotted Owl in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal *Biodiversity*. Dr. Moola's study helped create greater awareness of how protection of one species, like Canada's last spotted owls, may benefit numerous other species sharing the same habitat. Wildlife artist Robert Bateman, a longtime supporter of the Foundation, graciously agreed to have his spotted owl print appear on the journal's cover.



Natural systems that have been in place for thousands of years are disrupted by climate change, resulting in extreme weather events and increased air pollution. The federal government has reported that about 6,000 Canadians die prematurely each year from fossil fuel-related air pollution.

The David Suzuki Foundation's **Climate Change team** educates Canadians about this threat and assembles the best science-based solutions to combat dangerous greenhouse gas emissions. We have earned an international reputation for the quality of our science-based analysis and expert policy recommendations.

HIGHLIGHTS

Battling global warming

In December 2005, more than 10,000 delegates attended the largest ever UN climate negotiation conference in Montreal. The Foundation developed a series of 10 fact sheets for participants and became an important information source for international media. The conference was a success. There was an international agreement from all parties for negotiations to continue. We also participated in two official side events showcasing our work on renewable energy and carbon neutrality.

In May 2006, we participated in another round of climate negotiations held in Bonn, Germany, to ensure that Canada stays within the framework of the Kyoto Protocol. Along with other environmental groups, we called for Environment Minister Rona Ambrose's resignation because of cuts to Canada's climate change plan. The resulting media scrutiny raised public awareness of Canada's battle against climate change.

Opening up debate on Canada's climate change policies

We commissioned *The Case for Deep Reductions: Canada's Role in Preventing Dangerous Climate Change* which argues that Canada needs to make long-term greenhouse gas reductions to meaningfully address climate

change. Authored by the Pembina Institute's Matthew Bramley, the report was released at an Ottawa press conference days before the UN climate change conference in

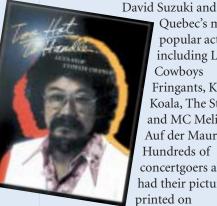


Montreal. The report helped set the framework for debate during the climate meetings.

This year, the Foundation purchased a computer with video-conferencing capability that allows us to avoid some flights.

An Evening with David Suzuki and Friends

We hosted a climate change event during the UN climate change conference in Montreal featuring



Quebec's most popular acts, including Les Cowboys Fringants, Kid Koala, The Stills, and MC Melissa Auf der Maur. Hundreds of concertgoers also had their pictures printed on

personalized postcards urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to take action on climate change.

Clean air victory

After a five-year court battle, a proposal to build a new power plant near Abbotsford, B.C., was officially withdrawn. The planned power line would have linked a natural gas power plant in Washington state with B.C. power sources. Although the proposal was originally blocked, the Sumas Energy 2 company appealed the ruling. The appeal was finally dismissed, and Sumas Energy announced it would no longer pursue the case.

Promoting small-scale renewable projects

In March 2006, Ontario announced a Standard Offer Contract (SOC) program, allowing small-scale renewable energy projects access to the electricity grid for a guaranteed price. This is a great benefit for community renewable power projects that



has successfully been used abroad. The SOC was largely based on recommendations from our 2004 report Smart Generation. David Suzuki appeared with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to announce the SOC program.

Ranking provincial climate change plans

Our report, All Over The Map: A Comparison of Provincial Climate Change Plans helped spark national dialogue about provincial responsibilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The report has been downloaded from our website more than 11,000 times and received extensive media coverage.

Preventing sprawl and protecting our communities

When the B.C. government proposed a doubling of a major highway across Greater Vancouver's Port Mann Bridge, warning bells sounded. The proposal would only worsen the area's urban sprawl, traffic congestion, and greenhouse gas pollution. The Foundation held public meetings, strategy sessions, and worked with different municipalities to develop practical alternatives to reduce traffic and pollution while maintaining the region's livability. We continue to research alternative solutions to the region's traffic problems and closely monitor the progress of this proposal.

Going for gold with a carbon neutral Olympics

When Vancouver was awarded the 2010 winter Olympics, we were concerned about the greenhouse gases the event would emit. To ensure the games would be environmentally sustainable, we developed a carbon neutral program to offset any Olympics-related emissions. The Foundation joined an advisory group



that includes some of British Columbia's best-known organizations and entered into a working

relationship with the Olympic organizing committee.

Presenting author and scientist Dr. Tim Flannery

Dr. Tim Flannery is the author of the international bestseller, *The Weathermakers*. The Foundation arranged a news conference featuring Dr. Flannery in Ottawa on Earth Day. The event received significant media coverage and showcased this well-

known climate change authority.





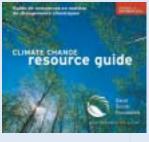
Saying no to more nukes in Ontario

In order to avoid a looming electricity crisis, Ontario leaders are discussing ways to produce electricity in the coming decades. A controversial report from the Ontario Power Authority recommended that nuclear power should continue to provide a large part of the province's electricity needs. We continue to play an active role in this debate by urging Ontarians to focus on conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy.

Distributing our research in easily accessible format

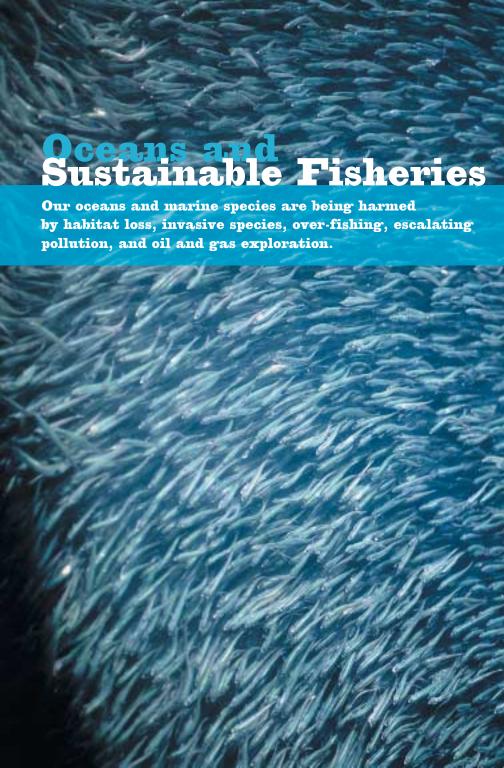
We produced an innovative CD-ROM containing all of our Climate Change program's major reports and publications since 2003, as well as

a series of 10 fact sheets. The Climate Change Resource Guide is an efficient way of sharing our research



with policy experts, libraries, and researchers around the world.

The Foundation's Vancouver office building is heated and cooled by renewable energy from the earth.



Our Oceans and Sustainable Fisheries team works with communities, ocean-based industries, First Nations, other conservation groups, and governments to protect Canada's marine environments and species for the future.

We undertake groundbreaking research and promote Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) to governments and environmental stewardship to industries that are currently harming our oceans. We also work toward effective planning processes that will help different stakeholders use Canada's marine resources in a sustainable manner.

Our multi-disciplinary approach is working. Our outreach efforts have raised awareness about the hidden dangers of open-netcage salmon aquaculture that threaten west coast wild salmon stocks. We have become an important voice for marine conservation across Canada.





Ending bottom trawling

Bottom trawling is the equivalent of clearcutting a forest. A huge net is dragged along the ocean floor, laying waste to everything in its path. But there's hope in sight. The Foundation is an active member of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, an international effort to end bottom trawling on the high seas. As part of this effort we made presentations to the United Nations Law of the Sea consultation process and met with Canada's Minister of Fisheries.

Protecting fish forever

To raise awareness of the importance of eating sustainably harvested seafood among chefs and restaurateurs, the Foundation organized Fish Forever, an event featuring Dr. David Suzuki, renowned marine biologist Dr. Ransom Myers, and Christine Cushing, host of the Food Network Canada program *Christine Cushing: Cook with Me.* These experts enlightened an audience of more than 300 with personal stories, facts about the state of the world's oceans, and advice on how smart seafood choices can save our marine ecosystems.



Helping food professionals make sustainable choices

We published a guide to help food professionals make informed seafood purchasing decisions. State of the Catch: A Professional's Guide to



Sustainable Seafood documented the current status of 33 Pacific Coast fish and shellfish stocks available in restaurants and supermarkets.

The guide directs consumers to buy

ocean-friendly fish and shellfish, while avoiding seafood species that are threatened, endangered, or poorly managed.

Freedom of SeaChoice

We joined forces with other environmental groups to create SeaChoice, a project that combines our efforts on sustainable seafood issues. SeaChoice encourages the seafood industry and consumers to catch, sell, and purchase sustainably harvested seafood. This work resulted in two



major seafood distributors and many restaurants contacting us

for more information on what types of fish they should carry. We also launched a sustainable seafood website with consumer information at SeaChoice.org.



Investigating damage to fish habitat

Acting on tips from our Salmonopolis.ca website, we conducted several field investigations in B.C. to document damage to fish habitat. In one incident, a temporary road had been built across a river channel to access a large mid-river gravel bar as part of an extraction operation on B.C.'s Fraser River. The road acted as a dam, causing water levels to drop more than a metre in the channel downstream and exposing thousands of salmon nests to air. An estimated 25 to 30 million salmon eggs may have died as a result. The Foundation is currently working with regulatory agencies to ensure this does not happen again.

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company to ensure our
materials are printed
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In Tibet, China, the Four Great Rivers area comprises 40 million acres around the headwaters of the Brahmaputra, Salween, Mekong, and Yangtze rivers. This biodiversity hotspot has 80 per cent of its original forest still intact, and is home to some of the world's rarest animals, including tigers and snow leopards.

More than one billion people in eight countries live downstream of this area. Improper management such as deforestation can lead to significant tragedies downstream – for example over 3,000 people died and 14,000 lost their homes during the Yangtze River flood in 1998.

At the invitation of the Government of the Tibetan Autonomous Region and through partnership with the international Basong Lake (Draksum Tso) overlooking an island with a Gelugpa monastery. Both are within a protected area in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China.

community change and educational institution Future Generations, the Foundation is assisting government scientists and local Tibetans in developing a conservation plan that will engage local communities in village self-development and ecosystem protection.

It's one way we're partnering with the global community for a more sustainable world.

The Foundation uses LCD computer monitors that draw less energy and contain 70% less lead than conventional screens.



To help Canadians make sustainable choices in their daily lives, we researched the 10 most effective actions they can take to protect nature. To put our research into action, we've invited all Canadians to take the Nature Challenge by reading the list of 10 actions and signing up online.

Each month the David Suzuki
Foundation sends an e-mail newsletter
with tips and information about
conserving nature to our Nature
Challenge community. Suggestions
such as eating food from local
producers and walking to regular
destinations are easy ways of
protecting nature. And if millions of
Canadians do these actions, we could
make a significant difference.

More than 225,000 individuals have taken the Nature Challenge since its launch in 2002, including some of Canada's best-known icons. Sportscaster Ron MacLean, authors Margaret Atwood and Robert Munsch, and musicians such as Nelly Furtado, Randy Bachman, Bruce Cockburn and Anne Murray have all joined.

Take the Nature Challenge by visiting **DavidSuzuki.org**.

The Foundation has an energy efficient dishwasher and a composting bin for food scraps in our office kitchen.

Fiscal year 2005-06 Statement of revenue and expenses

	2006	2005
Revenue		
Donations from Foundations	\$ 2,182,500	\$ 1,790,661
Public Donations	3,600,397	3,290,419
Other Revenue	224,132	137,926
Total	\$ 6,007,029	\$ 5,219,006
Expenses		
Programs		
Climate Change	\$ 1,290,147	\$ 580,986
Communications	639,207	742,298
Four Great Rivers	265,921	37,215
Marine	582,177	698,804
Nature Challenge	105,461	131,049
Sustainability	852,155	290,558
Other Programs	270,356	704,829
Administration	866,472	1,027,273
Fundraising	1,101,113	1,099,325
Total	\$ 5,973,009	\$ 5,312,337
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 34,020	\$ (93,331)

The David Suzuki Foundation is committed to transparency and accountability to our supporters.

Our Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2006 show that revenue increased to more than \$6 million. More individuals are supporting us and donations from foundations have increased.

Investment in fundraising ensures the long-term growth and sustainability of the Foundation. This investment will continue to produce more revenue over the coming years.

We are constantly striving to increase efficiency and effectiveness. This year, administrative costs have decreased leaving more funding available for our programs.

Our successes are only possible thanks to our generous donors.

Staff & Volunteers

The David Suzuki Foundation has become a trusted voice on Canadian environmental issues thanks to the knowledge, dedication, and skills of our 50 staff members and scores of volunteers.

Our different program areas are supported by administration, donor relations, volunteer services, communications, and development. We also have a large pool of short-term contract researchers, analysts, and scientists.

In addition to our paid staff, we are fortunate to attract talented volunteers from all walks of life. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our activities. Throughout the year volunteers play an integral role in the Foundation's operations. Our volunteers provided thousands of hours of support to every aspect of the Foundation's activities this year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Representing the Foundation

On behalf of the Foundation, our volunteers have appeared at several events, presentations, and trade shows. They routinely answer questions from the public, distribute brochures, assist in the mailing of our materials, and encourage individuals to join the Nature Challenge. This year our volunteers orchestrated the annual Commuter Challenge program, and invited 100% of our staff to take alternative transportation to work. These combined efforts resulted in our 7th Commuter Challenge award. Volunteers across the country also assisted our sustainability coordinator as she followed Dr. Suzuki's national book tour.

Volunteer committees

Our volunteers play an important role on various Foundation committees. Our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Council of Elders are all comprised of volunteers who generously give their time to help find solutions.

Publishing books about sustainability

Since 1990, the Foundation has released books on a range of subjects that spread the message of sustainability around the world. Our publishing program has added to our reputation as leading scientific thinkers on environmental issues, and our books are an important resource for scientists, conservationists, and the general public.





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E.O. Wilson Circle

Pulitzer-winning biologist E.O. Wilson endorsed the Foundation's work by offering his name and thanks to supporters whose gifts exceed \$500 in a fiscal year. More than 780 donors belong to the E.O. Wilson Circle, and many are also monthly donors.

Friends of the Foundation

We have over 7,600 monthly donors whose gifts range from \$10/month to \$500/month. Monthly contributions may be deducted from chequing accounts or charged to credit cards. This convenient method of contributing reduces the Foundation's processing and administrative costs.

Annual Donors

Over 30,000 individuals and organizations have given us single gifts up to \$499.

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Many individuals currently support our work, but some have also arranged to leave a legacy for future generations by remembering us in their wills or with other future gifts such as life insurance policies.

Foundations

Our work is supported by more than 38 foundations throughout North America.

The Interface carpet in the Foundation's office is completely recyclable at the end of its life.

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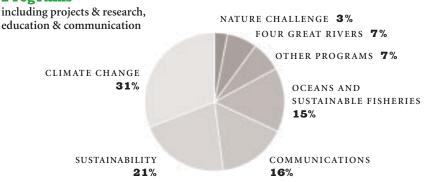
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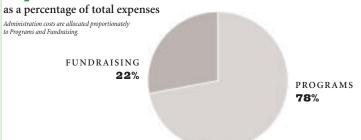
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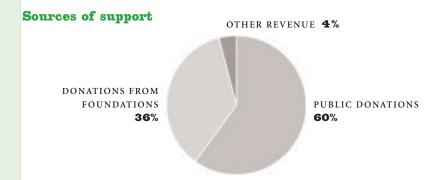
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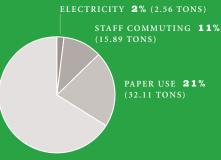
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