

Sustainable Population Pledge

Recognizing that the world is in a crisis of 7+ billion people stripping the earth of vital resources, exacerbating dire poverty, misery and early deaths, and pushing many species to extinction:

- ❖ I pledge to have no more than one child.
- ❖ Since I already have one or more, I pledge to have no more children.
- ❖ As an older person, I pledge to help solve overpopulation by encouraging families to have no more than one-child.

Check one of the above. (Required for everybody.)

Further, I pledge to educate my family and friends that the most important single thing they can do to help create a truly sustainable world is to voluntarily choose to have no more than one child.

Signed* _____ Name* _____

Email* _____ ZIP Code* _____

Country* _____ Phones _____

* Required fields

May we publish your name as a signer of the pledge? * Yes No
(We will not publish your phone or email address or release them to anyone else.)

Comments: _____

(We may post your comments publicly.)

Please either sign the pledge at our website
<http://www.worldpopulationbalance.org/content/sustainable-population-pledge>
or print and complete the items above. Then mail to:

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Why a TWO child average will *not* solve overpopulation

- With a two child average per woman (or per man), total population would go **up** by about two billion more before it even levels off! We must begin dramatically reducing births now – in order to achieve sustainable population and a viable planet for all people.

One child families can humanely solve overpopulation!

- By averaging one child, total world population would decline by 2055 by one billion people – back to six billion. And by 2080, population would be below 3.5 billion – cutting our total human consumption in **half** from its current levels. Exponential population **decline** can help humanity return to a truly sustainable number of people on the planet.

One child families can save the world.

Overpopulation destroying planet and our future

- **We are in a Human Well-being Crisis.** Every year 75 million more acres of farmland are destroyed and lost to farming, net loss – every year (UN). Over half the world's 7 billion people are in countries where fresh water tables are falling.
- We are destroying / losing 25 more acres of forest every minute, net loss (FAO). We are killing off 150 to 200 species every 24 hours (UNEP). Extinction rates are hundreds of times higher than normal.
- Overconsumption of many "renewable" resources is rendering them nonrenewable. Alarmingly, we are consuming many **non-renewable** resources – fossil fuels, metals and minerals – at ever-increasing rates, as well.
- **We are struggling to live healthy lives on a dying planet.** And many people are deluding themselves into believing that we can grow our way out of these problems.
- According to research by the Global Footprint Network and other research organizations, we humans are currently consuming renewable resources over 50% faster than the truly sustainable rate. We are in consumption overshoot. And these calculations do not allocate any of Earth's habitat for wildlife. Instead, their analysis allocates all Earth's resources for human use.
- To stop global overconsumption, depletion of resources and unprecedented loss of species – and significantly reduce dire human poverty – total world population needs to be between one and three billion people. That is the population range to be truly sustainable, long term, on the planet.
- Therefore, the most important single action each of us can do to help create a truly sustainable planet and population is to voluntarily choose to have one child and encourage others to have one child. (See the best overpopulation video (only 5 minutes), *One Planet, One Child* – at <http://www.worldpopulationbalance.org/content/one-planet-onechild> .)

We can solve overpopulation humanely.