

## **In Search of Harmony Between Life and Environment**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper discusses the problems that small societies are facing because of environmental degradation. Although they are the main sufferers, the impact of eco-spheric destruction is felt by all communities, and the developed and the developing worlds. For checking eco-despoliation, the local participation is essential, and ethno-ecological knowledge is indispensable for framing appropriated culturally-rooted plans of development. Issues of ecology and economy, it is argued here, can be reconciled through sustainable development.