

Reviews
of
Global Environmental Assessments: Information and Influence

“If humanity is to successfully confront the multiple, daunting environmental threats it has visited upon itself, it must figure out how to turn science into something that decision makers can actually use. This illuminating and important study points the way: it reveals the complex social and political factors that make the difference between scientific assessments that have little impact, and those that help turn knowledge into action.”

—**Daniel Sarewitz**, Professor of Science and Society and Director of the Consortium for Science, Policy, and Outcomes, Arizona State University

“If, like many natural scientists and economists, you believe that getting the facts right is all it takes for an assessment to influence policy, you may not like this book. But if you want global environmental policy to be informed by good science and analysis, you and like-minded colleagues need to read and understand its thoughtful insights.”

—**M. Granger Morgan**, Professor and Head, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

“This book is a major contribution to the growing field of human-environment interaction. It uses a conceptual framework derived from a blend of international-relations and public-policy literatures to dissect the processes of assessing this interaction and its effects. In doing so, the authors move the field ahead in two ways, since the book charts a course for future research at the same time that it derives useful lessons for practitioners.”

—**Edward Miles**, Virginia and Prentice Bloedel Professor of Marine and Public Affairs, University of Washington