

## **The Efficiency of Environmental Legislation: a Comparative Study**

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The concern with environmental matters has increased since the 1960's. At the Stockholm Conference in 1972 the world became aware of the environmental crisis, the threat of human specie destruction and the need of rational use of natural resources.

Legislation regarding environment has increased drastically. Simplification and systematizing of environmental law are essential for its efficiency and for a sustainable development. Inefficient laws impair economic activities and stimulate corruption and illegality.

This project consists of the objective analysis of Brazilian and Canadian legislation on environmental impact studies, the granting of environmental licenses, waste control, jurisdiction and crimes against the environment.