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Social Studies- Notes

Topic: What Are Natural Resources?

What is a natural resource?

Natural resources are all those things found in nature that are useful for human use.

Our **greatest** natural resources in The Bahamas are:
the **climate**, our clear **blue waters**, clean **beaches** and **blue holes**.

Rock formation such as caves are also natural resources.
E.g Preacher's Cave in **Eleuthera.**

Other Natural Resources are:

soil, rocks, minerals,
sun, wind and rain,
plants, trees, wildlife (which are the animals)

Many Bahamian islands have natural resources.

Why should we protect our natural resources?

We must protect our natural resources so that future generations of Bahamians will benefit from them.

What is sustainable use?

Sustainable use is to protect our natural resources so that future generations of Bahamian will benefit (or use) them.

Explain or Define the term environmental conservation?

Environmental conservation is the act of protecting the environment from harm. [like destroying, polluting or overusing (using up the resources)]

Natural Resources that are exported to the U.S.A. are:

crawfish, salt, aragonite (pure limestone)

Alternative sources of energy is another way to protect the environment and conserve our resources.

The **Island School** uses **alternative sources of energy** such as water, wind, solar, and biofuel. (The **Island School** is on the island of Eleuthera.)

Salt is manufactured (or made) on the islands of **Inagua and Long Island.**

Aragonite (which is pure limestone or sand) can be found off the coast of **Bimini**.

Grand Bahama has **pine trees** (which are used in paper making and timber which can make plywood).

Andros and Long Island have blue holes. Andros- **Blue Holes National Park**

Long Island- **Dean's Blue Hole**

The Bahamas National Trust is an organization that protects the natural resources of The Bahamas.

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