

Table 2: Environmental Laws – Overview of Asian Countries
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Country	GDP (USD) 2014	EPI (2014)	Approx. No. Laws	First Overarching Environmental Law	Primary/Overarching National Environmental Law(s)
Western	\$ 50,116	72.44	27	1980	(median values)
United Kingdom	\$ 45,603	77.35	21	1990	Environment Act 1995
United States	\$ 54,630	67.52	33	1969	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1969
North-East Asia	\$ 27,971	62.18	18	1989	(median values)
China	\$ 7,594	43.00	23	1989	Environmental Protection Law 2015 (revised from Environmental Protection Law 1989)
Hong Kong	\$ 40,170	n/a	10	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation; separate legislation for 10 major areas.
Japan	\$ 36,194	72.35	29	1967	The Basic Environment Law, 1993 (followed the world's first overarching environmental law in 1967)
Macau	\$ 96,444	n/a	0	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Mongolia	\$ 4,170	44.67	18	1995	Environmental Protection Law of Mongolia
South Korea	\$ 27,971	63.79	38	1990	Basic Environmental Policy Act, 1990
Taiwan	\$ 22,598	62.18	11	1979	Environmental Protection Act in Taiwan Area 1979
South-East Asia	\$ 2,843	44.02	4	2001	(median values)
Brunei	\$ 40,776	66.49	3	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Cambodia	\$ 1,084	35.44	6	1996	Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management

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Indonesia	\$ 3,515	44.36	4	1982	Environmental Protection and Management Law 2009
Laos	\$ 1,708	40.37	4	2001	Environment Protection Law, 2001
Malaysia	\$ 10,538	59.31	16	1974	Environmental Quality Act 1974 (Act 127)
Myanmar	\$ 1,198	27.44	6	2012	Environmental Conservation Law 2012
Philippines	\$ 2,843	44.02	7	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Singapore	\$ 56,287	81.78	13	2002	Environmental Protection and Management Act
Thailand	\$ 5,561	52.83	4	1992	The Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act, B.E. 2535
Timor-Leste	\$ 1,280	39.41	2	2012	Basic Environment Law 2012
Vietnam	\$ 2,052	38.17	4	2005	Law in Environmental Protection 2015 (revised from Environmental Protection Law 2005)
South Asia	\$ 1,631	36.24	8	1995	(median values)
Bangladesh	\$ 1,097	25.61	7	1995	Bangladesh Environmental Conservation Act 1995
Bhutan	\$ 2,379	46.86	6	2007	National Environment Protection Act 2007
India	\$ 1,631	31.23	14	1986	Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
Maldives	\$ 8,625	n/a	4	1993	Environment Protection and Preservation Act of Maldives
Nepal	\$ 698	37.00	8	1997	Environmental Protection Act 1997
Pakistan	\$ 1,334	35.48	33	1997	Environmental Protection Act 1997

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Sri Lanka	\$ 3,631	53.88	14	1980	National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980
Central Asia	\$ 2,603	41.93	12	1996	(median values)
Afghanistan	\$ 666	21.57	1	2007	Environment Law 2007
Kazakhstan	\$ 12,276	51.07	16	1991	On Environmental Protection 1997
Kyrgyzstan	\$ 3,169	40.63	14	1999	Law on Environment Protection, 1999
Tajikistan	\$ 1,099	31.34	14	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Turkmenistan	\$ 9,032	45.07	9	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Uzbekistan	\$ 2,038	43.23	10	1992	On Nature Protection 1992
Middle East	\$ 15,486	54.50	7	1999	(median values)
Bahrain	\$ 25,198	51.83	11	1996	Environmental Law 1996
Iran	\$ 5,293	51.08	7	1974	Environmental Protection Law 1974
Iraq	\$ 6,433	33.39	7	1977	For the Improvement and Protection of Environment, 2009
Israel	\$ 37,032	65.78	10	n/a	No overarching environmental legislation
Jordan	\$ 5,423	55.78	14	2006	Environmental Protection Law 2006
Kuwait	\$ 52,196	63.94	4	1980	Environmental Protection Law 2014
Lebanon	\$ 10,139	50.15	13	2002	Environmental Law 2002
Oman	\$ 20,832	47.75	4	2001	Law on the Conservation of the Environment and Combating of Pollution 2001

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Palestine	\$ 1,924	n/a	2	1999	Palestinian Environmental Law 1999
Qatar	\$ 93,397	63.03	16	2002	Law of Environment Protection 2002
Saudi Arabia	\$ 25,409	66.66	1	2001	General Environmental Law and its Rules for Implementation 2001
Syria	\$ 4,685	54.50	4	2002	Environmental Law 2002
United Arab Emirates	\$ 42,522	72.19	19	1999	Protection and Development of the Environment 1999
Yemen	\$ 1,473	30.16	2	1995	Environmental Protection Law 1995

Notes: Data are derived from various sources including country-specific government websites. These are only the primary environmental laws; in some cases there are other laws that have general applicability to the environment. Note that this does not include regulations, standards and/or other environmental permitting requirements. No warranty is made to the accuracy of these data.

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