

Environmental Non-Profit Volunteer Survey: Sample Questions

Measuring Environmental Motives Scale:

Egoistic Environmental Concern:

People around the world are generally concerned about environmental problems because of the consequences that result from harming nature. However, people differ in the consequences that concern them the most. Please rate each of the following items from 1 (not important) to 5 (supreme importance) in response to the question:

I am concerned about global environmental problems because of the consequences for..

My lifestyle

My future

My health

Altruistic Environmental Concern:

I am concerned about global environmental problems because of the consequences for..

People in my country

All people

My children

Future generations

Biospheric Environmental Concern:

I am concerned about global environmental problems because of the consequences for..

Marine life

Animals

Birds

Plants

Initial and Sustained Motivation Questions:

How important were each of these possible reasons for motivating you to work with this organization when you started volunteering.?

How important to you are each of these possible reasons for sustaining your ongoing motivation to volunteer with this organization?

EGOISTIC

1. Volunteering makes me feel important.
2. Gaining recognition and respect from others.
3. People I know share an interest in community service and volunteering.
4. Feeling good about being part of a group effort.
5. Discovering new information about ecosystems where I live.
6. By volunteering I feel less lonely.
7. Volunteering lets me learn things through direct, hands on experience.

8. Learning things from the experts at this organization.
9. Getting outdoors and spend time in nature.
10. Doing volunteer work relieves me of some of the guilt over being more fortunate than others.

ALTRUISTIC

11. Supporting conservation efforts.
12. Contributing to important scientific research.
13. Documenting and track changes in water quality over time.
14. I feel compassion towards all living things in the Chesapeake Rivers.
15. I am concerned about species that need human help to survive.

COLLECTIVISTIC

16. Sharing my knowledge and skills with others.
17. Building friendships with others who share my enjoyment of The Chesapeake Watershed.
18. It is important to restore water quality for the good of Chesapeake Bay residents.
19. I can do something for a cause that is important to me.
20. I am genuinely concerned about ensuring a healthy environment for future generations.

PRINCIPLISTIC

21. I acknowledge that I am a part of a large, complex ecosystem in which I should participate responsibly.
22. People are responsible for fixing damage to the environment.
23. Restoring water quality is the right thing to do.
24. I am concerned about the health of estuary ecosystems like those in our area.
25. I feel a obligation to care for non-human species.