

U.S. Environmental Security:  
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## ABSTRACT

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This research project develops new knowledge of how U.S. national security and homeland security practitioners and policymakers understand, define, and could yield value from the concept of environmental security to meet their mission, policy, and operational challenges. The project does so by achieving three primary objectives. First, it captures U.S. national security and homeland security practitioners' and policymakers' understandings and definitions of environmental security. Second, based upon those understandings and definitions, it identifies common attributes that conceptually bridge, operationalize, and could add value to these groups' existing mission, policy, and operational responsibilities. Finally, based upon these analyses, it develops a better understanding of current functional capability needs and resources within U.S. national security and homeland security communities of practice.

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