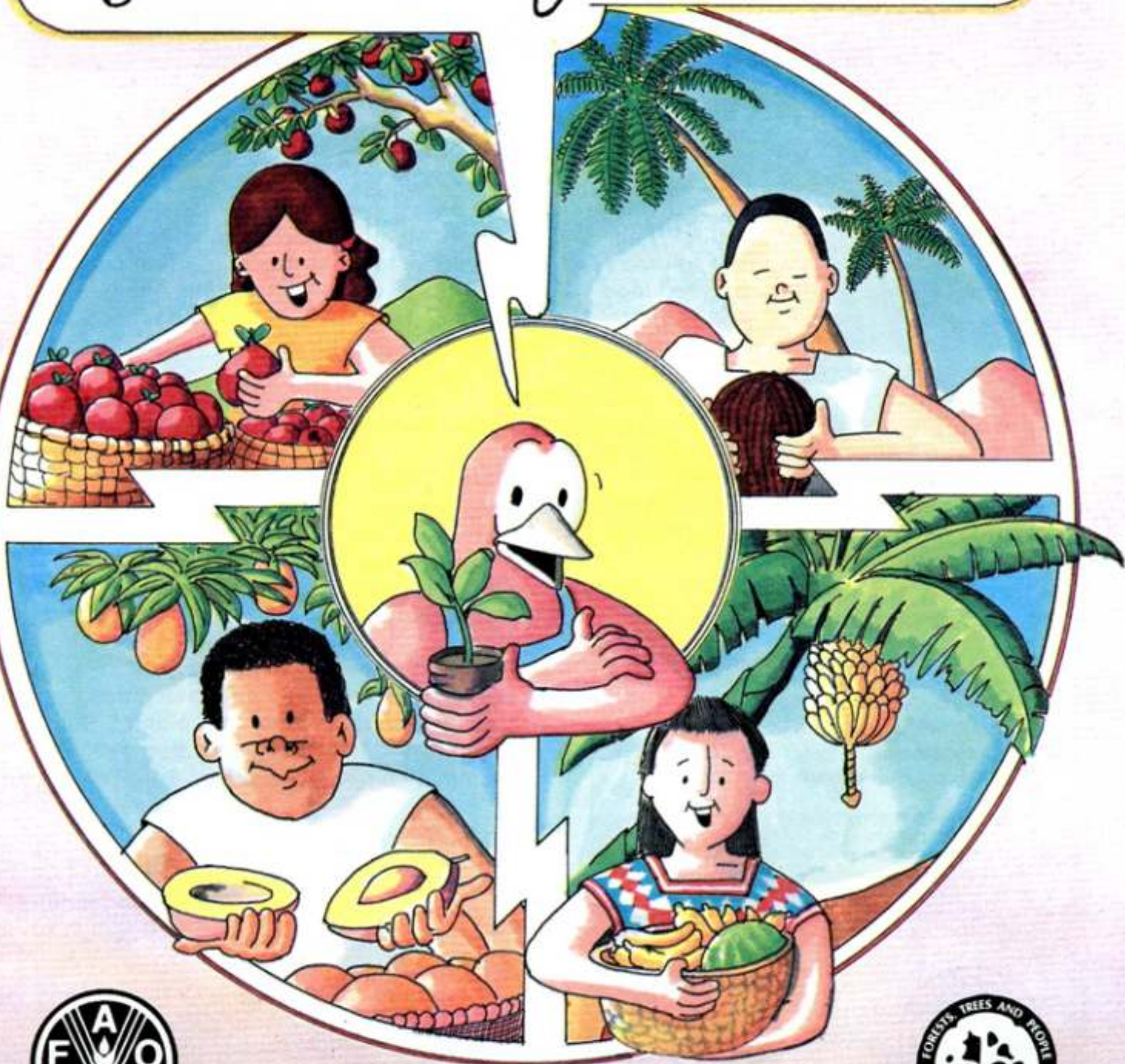
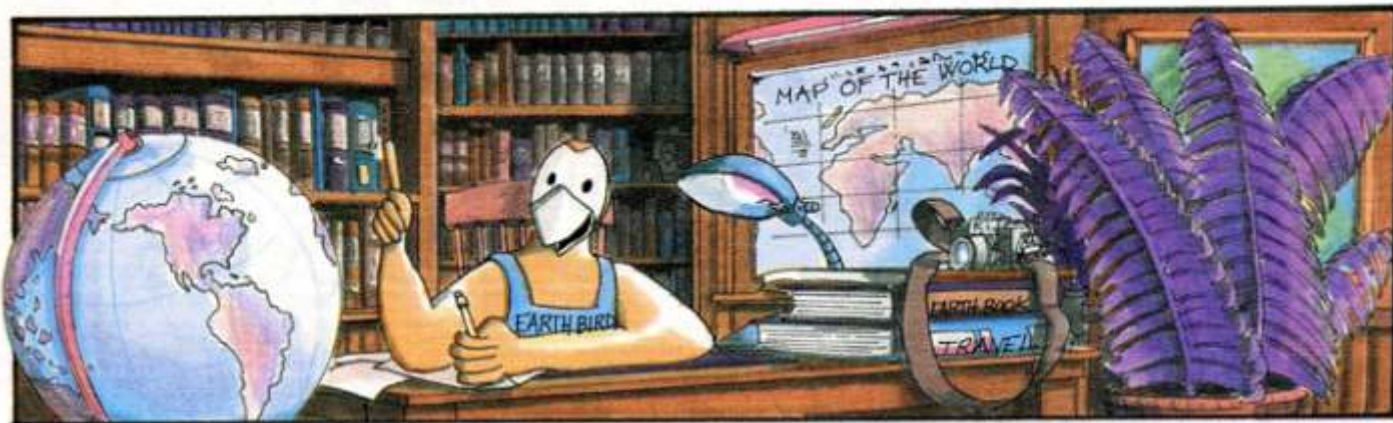


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US GROW GOOD

FOOD for the FUTURE



TREES FOR LIFE
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Hello, my name is Earth Bird. I am concerned about Food and **your** future.

People everywhere need good food to live and grow. For thousands of years the Earth has provided food for all of us. Today, millions of acres of land are used to grow the food crops and raise animals to feed our growing nations.

To make all this food, we need good water, soil, air, plants, and animals. These are **natural resources**. We must care for these resources if the Earth is to provide enough food for all of us.

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I have flown around the world to see how people are caring for our natural resources. On my journey I made many friends. They told me more about natural resources, and why they are important to all of us.

Let us see what they had to say ...

Water: They told me that good water is very important. People, plants, and animals all need water to survive. We use water to grow crops, to cook with, and to drink. Think of the many ways you use water every day.

Soil: All plants need soil to grow. Without soil we would not have grass, trees, food crops, and other plants. Soil contains the nutrients and water that plants need to grow well and survive.

Air: What would we do without air? People and animals need air to breathe. Plants need air to grow.

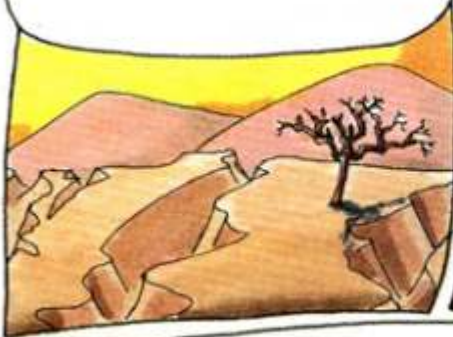
Plants and Animals: Think of all the different plants and animals in the world. Each one has its own special role on Earth. Plants and animals are important to people. People grow plants like trees and food crops for food, shelter, and energy. They use animals for food and to help them work.

RESOURCES LIKE AIR, WATER, SOIL, PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US ALL. **BUT** WE DO NOT ALWAYS TAKE PROPER CARE OF OUR RESOURCES.

WE ARE DESTROYING OUR SOIL. IT IS ERODED BY WIND AND RAIN. MUCH OF OUR SOIL IS LOSING ITS NUTRIENTS!

WE ARE POLLUTING OUR WATER TOO! SOME OF THE EARTH'S WATER IS TOO POLLUTED TO DRINK!

OUR AIR IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE POLLUTED. SMOKE FROM AUTOMOBILES, FACTORIES AND COOKING FIRES IS FILLING THE AIR. PLANTS AND ANIMALS CAN BECOME WEAK AND DIE FROM AIR POLLUTION!



WE ARE DESTROYING OUR PLANTS AND ANIMALS. THEIR HOMES ARE BEING DESTROYED FOR FIREWOOD BUILDING MATERIALS AND FARM-LAND. FORESTS, WHERE MILLIONS OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE, ARE BEING CUT DOWN VERY QUICKLY.

FORESTS HELP TO KEEP THE EARTH COOL. THEY ALSO IMPROVE THE AIR THAT WE BREATHE. WITHOUT FORESTS, THE TEMPERATURE OF THE EARTH MAY RISE AND CAUSE DROUGHT. WITHOUT FORESTS TO PROTECT THE SOIL AND TRAP WATER, THERE COULD BE EROSION AND FLOODING.

AS OUR NATIONS GROW, WE MUST BE SURE TO USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE GOOD FOOD FOR THE FUTURE. TURN THE PAGE AND LEARN MORE. SEE HOW GROWING TREES AND PROTECTING FORESTS CAN HELP US TO MANAGE OUR RESOURCES WISELY.

