



Science Division

## **Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) – Strengthening Scientific Competence in Developing Countries through Access to Environmental Research**

### **What is OARE?**

Set up by the United Nations Environment Programme in 2006 together with Yale University and major scientific publishers, the OARE programme enables academic, research and government institutions in developing countries to gain free or low cost access to an impressive [body of research](#) in the environment and related fields. OARE helps bridge the knowledge gap between developing countries and the industrialized world and build the capacity of researchers and experts to facilitate the development of science-driven policies for sound management of the environment.

### **What is available?**

OARE provides access to a collection of up to 11,500 scientific journals, 27,000 e-books, 40 databases and other information resources in 118 countries.

### **OARE and Research4Life**

OARE is part of the [Research4Life](#) partnership, together with four other sister programmes with similar objectives: [Hinari](#) (Access to Research for Health) managed by WHO, [AGORA](#) (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) managed by FAO, [ARDI](#) (Access to Research for Development and Innovation) managed by WIPO, and [GOALI](#) (Global Online Access to Legal Information) managed by ILO.

### **Who is eligible?**

Based on a number of factors including gross national income and human development index, eligible countries are grouped into two groups: [Group A](#) (free access) and [Group B](#) (low-cost access). Eligible institutions within eligible countries include government offices, research institutions, universities, non-profit organizations, etc.

### **How is OARE relevant to the UN Environment Programme of Work?**

Access to science and scientific journals and publications underpins the good delivery of aspects of the programme of work in terms of making research outcomes available to Member States. Such access is perfectly aligned with UN Environment's mission as it "enables nations and peoples to improve their quality of life".

OARE training workshops are perfect candidates for UN Environment country work with a capacity-building component or involving environmental, academic or research institutions. They include overview of and training on the resources, search strategies, registration and access credential management, technical support.

### **More Information**

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