Codebook for Encyclopedia of Associations Data on Environmental Groups

1. Selection procedures: All groups indicating a concern with environmental questions and listed in the Encyclopedia were included. This included those listed under the keywords "environmental quality", "environmental protection," "wildlife conservation," and "conservation," as well as selected groups listed under "water resources," "ecology," "environmental law," "fishing," "forestry," and "ornithology." In addition, each entry in the entire Encyclopedia was read to determine if some other groups should be included, even if they had not been listed under the appropriate keyword. Finally, those groups that were clearly tied to industry, such as chemical company consortia conducting environmental research, were deleted. The resulting dataset therefore contains all groups primarily concerned with environmental issues in each edition of the Encyclopedia studied.

2. Years covered: 1990 edition; 1980; 1970; 1961. The Encyclopedia began its annual editions only in 1961, and grew over the years to be much larger than it was at the beginning. Partly, this is due to the growth in the number of Associations, but partly it is certainly due to a more complete census each year. Groups rarely drop out of the Encyclopedia once included, but they often are not included in their first years of existence. Because the Encyclopedia includes information on the creation dates of the groups, we can judge how much of the growth in the number of groups listed is due to increases in accuracy, and how much is due to the growth in the number of groups in existence. Generally speaking, we find that those groups overlooked for a given period tend to be extremely small.

3. Data

Identification number. Sequential number, 1 to 461.

Membership base:

(1. Individual members only (n= 186)

2. Businesses and institutions only (n=5)

3. State chapters and organizations (n = 27)

4. Mixed: some individuals, some organizations, state chapters (n = 81)

5. Membership made up of heads of other organizations or institutionalrepresentatives (n = 16)

6. Unspecified membership (n = 58)

10. Fund. Nonmembership group. (n = 7)

11. Center. Nonmembership group. (n = 14)

12. Foundation. Non-membership group. (n = 12)

13. Institute. Non-membership group. (n = 15)

14. Lobbyist. Non-membership group (n = 5)

15. Special program, ad hoc organization for a specific purpose. Non-membership group. (n = 7)

16. Other non-membership group. (n = 16)

19. Other type of membership. No membership indicated. (n = 12)

Area of activity. These codes are mostly taken from the keywords used in the Encyclopedia of Associations, or combined.

1. Overall environmental quality. (n = 99)

2. Overall environmental protection. (n = 32)

3. Wildlife protection. (n = 158)

4. Land conservation, plants, trees, etc. (n = 65)

5. Energy, nuclear, solar. (n = 10)

6. Toxins. (n = 5)

7. Water quality, rivers, lakes, oceans. (n = 27)

8. Overall conservation. (n = 45)

9. Other environmental. (n = 20)

Creation date:
Actual year coded

9999. Missing.

1990 Membership:
Number of members reported

8,888,888. Inap. Not a membership organization or group not in existence in 1990.

9,999,999. Missing.

1990 Staff: Number of staff reported

888. Inap. Group not in existence in 1990.

999. Missing or no staff.

1990 Budget:
Yearly budget, actual value coded

25,000. $25,000 or less

88,888,888. Inap. Group not in existence in 1990.

99,999,999. Missing, or no budget.

1990s Transition:

1. Same group name and organization in 1990 as in 1980.

2. Name changed during the 1980s, but group continued.

3. Group merged with another during the 1980s, disappeared.

4. Went defunct during the 1980s.

5. Created during the 1980s.

6. Created before 1980, but not listed in the Encyclopedia in 1980.

7. Listed in 1980, but not in 1990; apparently defunct.

8. First listing in 1990, no creation date listed.

9. Missing or uncodeable.

1980 Membership:
same codes as 1990 membership.

1980 Staff:
same codes as 1990 staff.

1980s Transition:

1. Same group name and organization in 1980 as in 1970.

2. Name changed during the 1970s, but group continued.

3. Group merged with another during the 1970s, disappeared.

4. Went defunct during the 1970s.

5. Created during the 1970s.

6. Created before 1970, but not listed in the Encyclopedia in 1970.

7. Listed in 1970, but not in 1980; apparently defunct.

8. First listing in 1980, no creation date listed.

9. Missing or uncodeable.

1970 membership:
same codes as 1990 membership.

1970 staff:
same codes as 1990 staff.

1970s transition:
1. Same group name and organization in 1970 as in 1961.

2. Name changed during the 1960s, but group continued.

3. Group merged with another during the 1960s, disappeared.

4. Went defunct during the 1960s.

5. Created during the 1960s.

6. Created before 1961, but not listed in the Encyclopedia in 1961.

7. Listed in 1961, but not in 1970; apparently defunct.

8. First listing in 1970, no creation date listed.

9. Missing or uncodeable.

1961 Membership:
same codes as 1990 membership.

1961 Staff:
same codes as 1990 staff.