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PREFACE TO THE SIXTH EDITION

It is now a quarter of a century since the first edition of this book appeared. This period has seen a remarkable transformation in interest in the impact that humans are having on the environment, together with an explosion of knowledge. In this edition, I have made substantial changes to the text, figures, tables, and references, and have tried to provide updated statistical information. The biggest change, however, has been to add four new chapters that explore the ways in which global climate change may have an impact on Earth.

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