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# ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

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### **Introduction**

The offer of global trusteeship that was presented by Allah (s.w.t.) to the Heavens, the Earth, and the Mountains, but they refused to shoulder the responsibility out of fear [1]. Humankind seized the opportunity and bore the trust (*amanah*), but this 'privilege' entails a profound responsibility. Allah is the ultimate holder of dominion over all his creations [2, 3]. The creations themselves in all their myriad diversity and complexity may be thought of as 'communities' containing 'signs' of Allah's power, wisdom, beneficence, and majesty [4]. They all tirelessly adore Allah (s.w.t.) [5]. Man is the vicegerent (*khalifah*) of Allah on the earth, and in this capacity, he has to have harmonious relations with all creations. He is, thus, enjoined to protect his interest along with ensuring interests of all coming generations. If he protects his interests only, he is depriving others from their benefits from Allah's creations, an act of misappropriation (*khyanah*). All creations between the earth and the sky are for the benefit of the man; they are subservient to man, but their wasteful use is prohibited. This is because we are moderate