



Degenerated Science

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Degenerated Science is the controversial book-length article published in the May 2000 issue of the *Bulletin of the Chicago Herpetological Society*. It deals with government misuse of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the "degenerated science" that makes such misuse possible. Although the principal focus of the paper is North Carolina and the new rattlesnake "protection" regulations being proposed, it reveals an illness that reaches into all states, and the money making impetus behind it. If "degenerated science" hasn't already happened in your state, it may soon be coming!

Degenerated Science describes a conservation movement literally gone mad, swept up in a mob mania where all sense of rational proportion has been lost in a global panic to "save" the world—and line their pockets along the way. In short, the same indoctrinations that unleashed the Crusades, the Witch-Mania, McCarthyism, and other crowd deliriums since antiquity are once again spreading seeds of lunacy and disaster.

Tracing the "outbreak" in North Carolina, the events, people, and issues that have given rise to this disease are explored in excruciating, ironic, and often hilarious detail. After reading **Degenerated Science** you will never again think of an "endangered species" in quite the same way.

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