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This comprehensive Research Handbook offers an innovative analysis of environmental law in the global South and contributes to an important reassessment of some of its major underlying concepts. The Research Handbook discusses areas rarely prioritized in environmental law, such as land rights, and underlines how these intersect with issues including poverty, livelihoods and the use of natural resources, challenging familiar narratives around development and sustainability in this context and providing new insights into environmental justice.

'Cullet and Koonan's Research Handbook on Law, Environment and the Global South is a timely and essential contribution to the literature on environment policy, due in no small part to its insistence on speaking with the voice of the Global South on such matters, in a way that often conflicts with prevailing narratives from forces of globalization and neoliberalism, and on challenging the premise of sustainable development and unlimited growth. ... the collection succeeds in increasing awareness and reminding readers of at least the potential to respond more effectively through considered, cross-national policy action.... this book is recommended for the perspective it brings to discussions about law and the environment – a conversation that must do better in including the perspectives of the Global South if it is to be truly fruitful. It would be appropriate for researchers focusing on any of these issues and the Global South generally, and for inclusion in library collections given the potential usefulness for researchers. As it is a handbook, it is perhaps not designed to be read as a whole, but those who do read the book in its entirety will come away more prepared to discuss and give due regard to important voices from the developing world.'

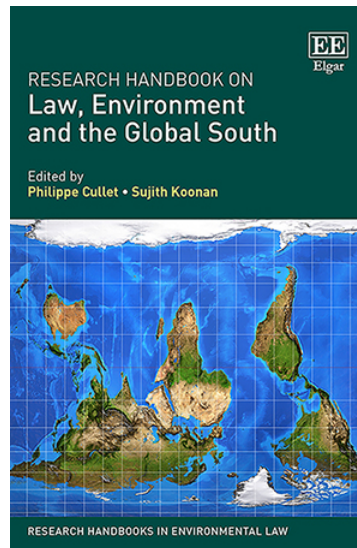
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'Professors Cullet and Koonan have assembled an impressive array of scholars from the global South for this state of the art Research Handbook. It takes the perspective that efforts to sustain the ecological basis of all life must first consider the lives of poor and marginalised people who are often further harmed by the rules that should protect them. As such, it is invaluable for the reader looking for a guide to sustaining and synergising human and nonhuman ecologies in the twenty-first century.'

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