

# Celebrating Achievement

A summary of the global contribution made by the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences in promoting Islamic environmentalism



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# The Facts Speak For Themselves

Our work began in the mid 1980's with a small number of volunteers. The early period was spent in researching the Qur'an and the Hadith literature on ecological and environmental themes, producing written material and contributing to the lecture circuit. As our work expanded we were established as an official charity in 1994.

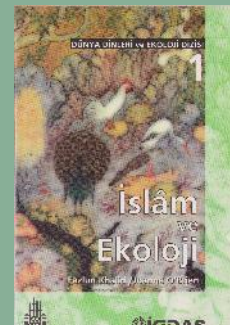
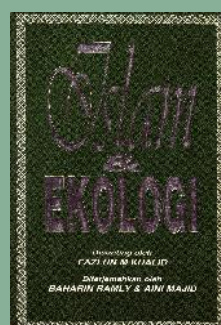
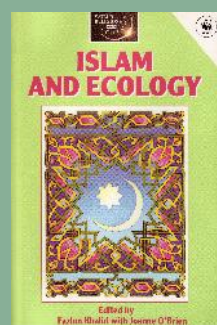
We are proud of the fact that in the time we have been carrying out this work we have established ourselves as an internationally recognised organisation pioneering the Islamic dimensions of this vital work and we have done it with a minimum of resources. We would also like to acknowledge the support given to us in the development of this work by mainstream organisations particularly the Alliance of Religions and Conservation, CARE International USA, Islamic Help, Islamic Relief, Muslim Hands and WWF. We are also deeply indebted to the Muslim Education Consultative Committee for the invaluable support they have given us over the years by providing us with both administrative support and free office space and latterly the Midlands Muslim Council, Burton on Trent.

The following is a summary of what we have achieved in the past and our aspirations for the future.

## Teaching materials, books and journals

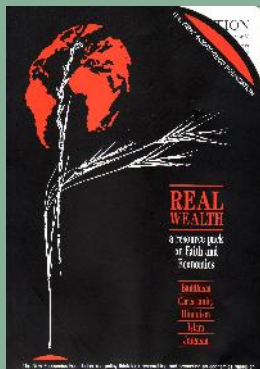
### Publications Resulting From International Collaboration

**1992** ***Islam and Ecology***, Fazlun Khalid & Joan O' Brian, editors, Cassell, London. The first Islamic book on ecology in English; now in second print; also translated into Malay (1995) and Turkish (1997). We were consultants to this project that was initiated by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation and financed by the World Wide Fund for Nature, Geneva and London.





- 1993** *Values and Visions - A Handbook for Spiritual Development and Global Awareness*, Hodder and Stoughton, London. Islam section contributed by Fazlun Khalid. We were consultants to this project which was initiated and financed by the Development Education Project, Manchester.



- 1994** *'Real' Wealth – A resource pack on Faith and Economics*. Islam section contributed by Fazlun Khalid. We were consultants to this project which was initiated and financed by The New Economics Foundation, London.

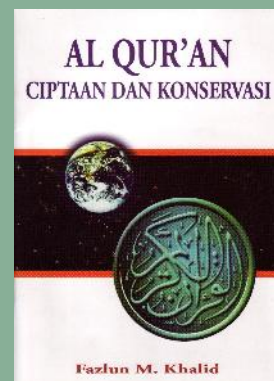
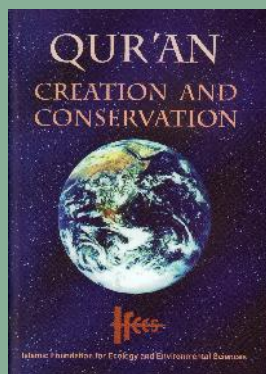
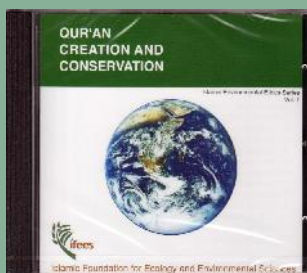
- 1996** *Excerpts from the Hadith literature on Animal Welfare*. Devised and written by Dr. Yasin Dutton, Edinburgh University. This project was initiated by IFEES and financed by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, London.

- 1996** *Guardians of the Natural Order*; special essay written by Fazlun Khalid commissioned by the United Nations Environment Programme and published in Our Planet. See [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk) > Resources > Journal > Articles.



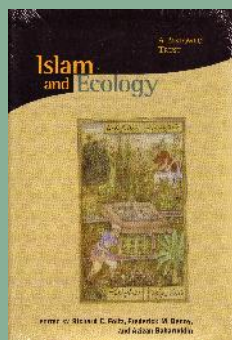
- 1998** *Islam and the Environment*, Harfiyah Abdel Haleem editor, Ta Ha, London. This was an independent initiative which is now an IFEES resource.

- 1999** *Qur'an, Creation and Conservation*, Fazlun Khalid, IFEES, Birmingham. This project was initiated by IFEES and financed by Iqra Trust, Alliance for Religions and Conservation, Islamic Relief, Yusuf Islam and Muslim Hands. This resource is now being used internationally as a training resource and also as a web based learning tool by schools in the UK. A CD version was produced in 2005 and an Indonesian version in 2007. See [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk) > Resources > Tutorial



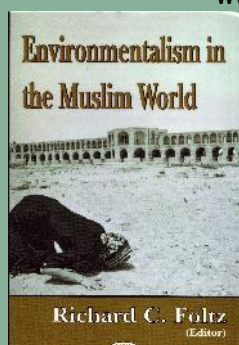
**2002 Sustainable Development and Environmental Collapse**, Fazlun Khalid; paper presented at the Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg . See [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk) > Resources > Journal > Articles

**2002 Islam and the Environment**, Fazlun Khalid; Vol. 5, Social and Economic Dimensions of global environmental change, John Wiley, Chichester . See [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk) > Resources > Journal > Articles



**2003 Islam and Ecology – A Bestowed Trust**, Foltz, Denny and Baharuddin, Harvard University Press; 2003 . IFEES acted as consultants for the conference in 1998 from which this book emerged .

**2003 Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences** web site established – [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk).



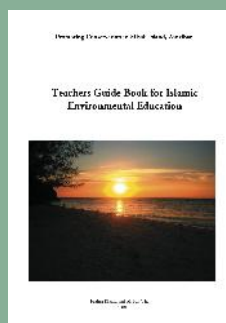
**2005 Applying Islamic Environmental Ethics**, Fazlun Khalid in Environmentalism in the Muslim, World, Ed. Richard Foltz (University of Florida), Nova Science Publishers, New York.



**2006 Ecolslam** magazine published online and hard copy (Issues 1 & 2)  
**2007 Ecolslam** magazine published online and hard copy (Issue 3)  
**2008 Ecolslam** magazine published online and hard copy (Issues 4 & 5)  
**2009 Ecolslam** magazine published on line and hard copy (Issue 6)  
**2010 Ecolslam** magazine published on line and hard copy (Issue 7)  
**2011 Ecolslam** magazine published on line and hard copy (Issue 8)

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**2008 Guidebook on Islamic Environmental Practice** for ulema and madrasa teachers, Fazlun Khalid & Ali Khamis Thani. English and Swahili versions. This resource has been published free of copyright.



The English and Swahili versions of this resource were officially launched in Pemba, Zanzibar on 29 February 2008. The publication and post launch costs were met by Muslim Hands, Nottingham and the freight costs by Islamic Relief, Birmingham. This event was recorded by American Public Service TV. For further details see [www.ifees.org.uk](http://www.ifees.org.uk) > Home page > Updates > Press release.



## Work In Progress

**Islam, Modernity and the Green Dimension;** 80,000 word book; contracted with Kube Publishing, UK

## Future Publications Programme

(Subject to funds being available)

**Islamic Natural Resource Management** – a source book now being written.

**Kitab al-zira'a** – translation of twelfth century (6 Hijra) classical Arabic manuscript into English.

**Guidebook on Islamic Agricultural Practice** – this book is intended to be a resource for grass roots organizations and will be a synthesis of best Islamic practice, modern Bio Dynamic and Permaculture techniques.

**Power, Person and Place: Tradition, Modernity and Environment in the United Arab**

**Emirates** – This book is the result of a field study conducted by Pernilla Ouis and published by Lund University, Sweden in 2002. We are discussing with the writer the feasibility of producing a popular version of this book for general consumption, which will also be translated into Arabic.

**Islam and Ecology** - translation into Arabic, Urdu, Persian, Swahili, Indonesian, French, Spanish and Russian (Malay and Turkish editions already published).

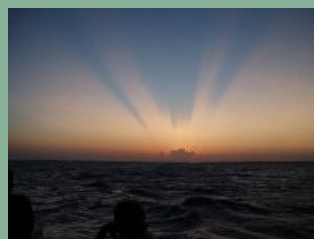
**Qur'an, Creation and Conservation** – production of second edition and translation into Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Malay, Indonesian, Swahili, French, Spanish, Russian

# TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS DEVELOPED BY IFEES

## Workshops On Sustainability And Conservation

**1999**      **Marine conservation project Zanzibar;** pilot project supported by WWF International, and the Alliance for Religion and Conservation.

**2001**      **Marine conservation project Zanzibar;** substantive project supported by Macarthur Foundation USA and CARE International USA.



**2001**      **Forest conservation project, South Madagascar;** supported by WWF International, Geneva.

**2002**      **Forest conservation project, West Sumatra, Indonesia;** supported by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation and the World Bank.

**2002**      **Training madrasa teachers, Garut, Java, Indonesia;** supported by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation and the World Bank.

**2005**      **Scout workshops and recycling services** for Islamic Society of Britain scout summer camp, Lincolnshire, England.



**2005**      **East London Mosque Sustainable Living project** in collaboration with London Sustainability Exchange

**2005**      **Qur'an, Creation and Conservation workshop,** Islamic Relief, Birmingham.

**2006**      **Qur'an, Creation and Conservation workshop,** Batang Gadis National Park, North Sumatra, Indonesia, supported by Conservation International, University of North Sumatra and Muslim Hands UK.

**2006**      **Qur'an, Creation and Conservation workshop,** Aceh, Indonesia, supported by WWF Indonesia and Muslim Hands UK.



2006	<b>London Borough of Tower Hamlets</b> – recycling awareness campaign targeting mosques, women's groups and schools
2006	<b>First workshop of UK Muslim Environmental Network</b>
2007	<b>London Western Riverside Boroughs recycling awareness campaign</b> targeting mosques, women's groups and schools in four boroughs, in collaboration with Wastewatch.
2007	<b>'Fragile Earth' theme for lectures</b> at Jam'iat Ihyaa' Minhaj Al-Sunnah annual conference.
2007	<b>Inaugurated training series</b> with the Utruj Foundation London.
2008	<b>Raising environmental awareness in eight mosques in Aston Birmingham</b> – supported by Birmingham City Council.
2008	<b>Green Medina</b> – A video for community action.
2009	<b>Islington mosque, London</b> - Environmental ethics workshop for youth groups
2010	<b>Padang, Sumatra, Darwin Initiative Project</b> - Islamic beliefs and Sumatran forest management; Environmental ethics workshop for ulema and community leaders.
2011	<b>British Council Kano, Nigeria</b> - workshop for ulema and community leaders.
2011	<b>Java and Surabaya, Indonesia</b> - The "Climate4Classrooms" (C4C). International partnership programme between the British Council, the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Meteorological Society.
2013	<b>Aid agencies, UK</b> - Environmental ethics workshop

## Conferences and Dialogue

2006	<b>Symposium</b> – Fazlun Khalid addressing executives in Atami, Japan.
2007	<b>UNESCO, Barcelona, Spain</b> , Education for Sustainability.
2007	<b>The American Cathedral Paris</b> , The Green Spirit. One World Many Faiths.
2007	<b>Colloquium on the Islamic Fiqh on the Environment</b> , Jakarta, Indonesia.
2007	<b>Dialogue between theologians and scientists</b> , James Martin Institute, Oxford.
2007	<b>Dialogue with Islamic scholars</b> , Jakarta – organised by the British Embassy and the Islamic University of Indonesia.
2007	<b>Lecture tour of Canada</b> (Toronto, Montreal, Quebec)
2008	<b>The Role of Religion in Environmental Governance</b> – Freiburg University Forum, Freiburg, Germany.
2008	<b>The Muslim College London</b> , Seminar with Malaysian Government officers.
2008	<b>The House of Lords London</b> , Protecting the Environment.
2008	<b>Globalization, Environment and Religion</b> – Bridge Building Dialogue, Gadjadara University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
2008	<b>Arne Næss Symposium 2008: Can Civil Society Civilize the World?</b> University of Oslo, Norway
2008	<b>Sheffield, UK</b> , - <b>Green New Deal Conference</b> , Banks and the Environment
2009	<b>London, Ismaili Centre</b> - Milad Lecture 2009 - Enabling The Environment
2009	<b>Oslo, Norway, Liberal Institute</b> - Islam and Environmentalism
2009	<b>New York, United Nations</b> - Leadership Forum on Climate Change
2010	<b>Bogor, Indonesia, First International Muslim Conference on Climate Change</b> - Climate Change – An Islamic response
2010	<b>European Union, Brussels, Intercultural Dialogue Platform</b> - The Ecological Dimensions of Islam – an Alternative Approach to Protecting the Planet
2010	<b>Zoological Society, London</b> - Islam and the Environment
2010	<b>The Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, Amman, Jordan</b> - Islam and the Environment
2010	<b>Protestant Academy of Loccum, Germany</b> - Ecological Dimensions of Islam
2010	<b>Rome, U.S. Embassy to the Holy See</b> - Stewardship
2010	<b>University of Miami, Florida, USA</b> - Islam and Conservation
2011	<b>Davos, Switzerland, World Economic Forum</b>
2011	<b>Bayero University Kano, Nigeria</b> - The Environment: The Emerging Dimension of Islamic Education
2011	<b>Frankfurt, Muslimische Jugend in Deutschland (Muslim Youth in Germany)</b> - Personal Responsibility in a Challenging World Order
2011	<b>Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge</b> - Two papers on sustainability and Islam
2011	<b>Living Islam Camp, Lincoln, UK</b> - Junior scouts programme
2011	<b>University of Notre Dame</b> , Contending Modernity's London Meeting
2012	<b>Islamic Society of North America, Toronto, Canada</b> - The Environment and the challenge of the Emerging Order: An Islamic Perspective
2012	<b>Berlin, Federation of Muslim Youth and Student Organisations and Muslim Agency for Development Education</b> - Greening up my Community
2012	<b>Cardiff University, Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK</b> - Muslims The Environment and the Challenge of the Emerging Order - An Islamic Perspective
2012	<b>Kuwait institute for Scientific Research</b> - The Hima system - Hopes and Impediments
2013	<b>The Institute of Art and Ideas, Hay on Wye Book Festival</b> - Debate on Stewardship

# FUTURE STRATEGIES

(Subject to funds being available)

## International Project Development

### Current Projects

**Tanzania** - Advisory and training role to Birmingham based Islamic Help: Setting up eco village for orphans

**Indonesia I** – Pilot project to establish an Islamic conservation system located in Batang Gadis National Park, West Sumatra. Phase two awaiting funding.

**Indonesia II** - Community based ecological resource management, located in Banda Aceh as part of the Green Coast Rehabilitation Programme. Phase two awaiting funding.

### Projects In Various Stages Of Development

**Nigeria** – Combating desertification in the Northern region of Nigeria.

**Pakistan** - Re-greening of Upper Jhelum Canal in the Mirpur and Punjab districts of Pakistan.  
Environmental ethics training for teachers

**Global** – SCHOOLS4TREES programme. Pilot initiated in Java.

### Training the Trainers Programme

**South East Asia** - in partnership with the Asia Muslim Action Network Bangkok

**East Africa** - in partnership with the Muslim Civic Education Trust Mombassa

**West Africa** - in partnership with the Institute of Sustainable Development Kano

**South Africa** - in partnership with the Awqaf Foundation South Africa

**Western Europe** – in partnership with the European Muslim Union Germany

**North America** – in partnership with Ienviro Canada

### Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development

This project is located in Gunung Mas/Peulanteu Community in the Leuser National Park in West Aceh. We propose to launch a three-year pilot programme based on the principles of sustainable development. The objective of the pilot is to create food self sufficiency and poverty reduction through the introduction of conservation principles.

### A Centre of Excellence

Our long term objective is to set up a Centre of Excellence where we can in addition to developing a teaching on Islamic Natural Resource Management design practical means of expressing this in all parts of the world.





Our activities in various parts of the world since our inception in the 1980s may be summarised as follows –

**Publications** – Books, journals, leaflets, videos, power point presentations .

**Media** – TV and radio programmes, print media and the internet .

**Conferences and seminars** – Universities and colleges, Islamic scholars, NGO's, civil society organisations, interfaith dialogue, international colloquiums, workshops .

**International project development** – Conservation and poverty alleviation programmes .

**Training** – Key personnel in national and local government, Islamic scholars, Madrasa teachers, universities and colleges, community leaders, civil society activists, NGO's .

## The Driving Force

The driving force behind the evolution of IFEES is Fazlun Khalid (Fadhil bin Khalid ) who has both a technical and management background having served a total of thirty three years both in the Royal (British ) Air Force and as a senior administrator in the British Civil Service . Since he founded the Foundation in the mid 1980's he has established for himself a world wide reputation as an indefatigable advocate of environmental protection rooted in Islam and is now recognised as one of fifteen leading eco theologians in the world alongside the Dalai Lama and the Pope .

As an example of his work he chaired a major gathering in Japan in 1995 and produced the Ohito Declaration for Religion, Land and Conservation which pledged all the major faiths to work together in addressing environmental problems. Subsequently as Director of Training for the Alliance of Religions and Conservation he tirelessly promoted this declaration world-wide from 1995 to 2000 .

He has however devoted most of his energies since the mid 1980s to promoting Islamic environmentalism in both its theological and practical manifestations . His writing output has been described by an influential academic as being “among the most important, insightful, relevant and reliable” and is now widely quoted by academics, students and activists in this area of concern . His work in the field is now being recognised as being of equal if not greater significance . He was the winner in 2004 of the Muslim News award for excellence in engineering, science and technology

His work displays a sustained effort to both articulate the Islamic dimensions of this work and also to unite people of all persuasions in dealing with a threat that is now seen as affecting the entire planet . He also has a deep commitment to the cause of environmental justice for the poor in developing countries .



# Acknowledgements

It has been a pleasure working with the following organisations and individuals in the past and we are indebted to them in various ways for the successful evolution of our work. We look forward to continuing our links with them and also further expanding our circle of friends and supporters

## ORGANISATIONS

Alliance of Religions and Conservation UK  
Awqaf Foundation South Africa  
BBC  
British Embassy Indonesia  
CARE International USA  
Conservation International USA & Indonesia  
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation UK  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office UK  
Forum on Religion and Ecology Harvard USA  
Government of Tanzania  
Government of Indonesia  
Ienviro Canada  
Institute for Ecology and Sustainable Development Indonesia  
Islamic Foundation UK  
Islamic Foundation for Environment and Science India  
Islamic Relief UK  
Islamic Resource Centre, Birmingham  
Lestari Heritage Malaysia  
Macarthur Foundation USA  
Ministry of the Environment Indonesia  
MOA Foundation Japan  
Muslim Community Education Trust Kenya  
Muslim Education Consultative Committee (MECC), Birmingham  
Muslim Directory UK  
Muslim Hands UK  
National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development Saudi Arabia  
Poulton Puckham Trust UK  
Public Service Broadcasting USA  
State Islamic University Indonesia  
Taecanet Springboard Web Education UK  
UNESCO  
United Nations Environment Programme  
Winchester University UK  
World Society for the Protection of Animals  
World Bank  
World Wide Fund for Nature International, UK & Indonesia

## INDIVIDUALS

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Dr. Yasin Dutton – University of Cape Town South Africa  
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Prof. Mary Evelyn Tucker – Yale University USA

*“... We commend the work of IFEES to funders and join this organisation in their appeal for support ... IFEES is uniquely placed to implement a programme of Islamic focussed environmental concern that has both the expertise and the experience to speak to the challenge”*

**Professor John Grim**  
**Professor Mary Evelyn Tucker**  
**Yale University USA**

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Core support	182,600 x 3 years
Education and publishing	70,800 x 3 years
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