



## Health and environmental information for non-specialists

GreenFacts is an independent non-profit organisation. Its objective is to be the preferred scientific information website for journalists, decision makers, stakeholders and concerned individuals in the field of environment and health.

"Our vision is to contribute to constructive debates and informed decisions through better communication of scientific information on environment and health" tells General Manager, Jacques de Selliers.

GreenFacts publishes, in several languages, summaries of scientific documents issued by authoritative international organisations.

Jacques de Selliers explains that the draft summaries are written by scientific experts in collaboration with the GreenFacts staff and communication specialists. The drafts are then reviewed by independent scientists before they are finally submitted to the GreenFacts Scientific Board for approval prior to publication.

## Three levels of detail

On the GreenFacts website, the summaries are presented as questions and answers in a three level structure of increasing detail:

- At the first level, questions relevant for the summary are posed, and short answers are given
- The second level elaborates on the short answers providing more details
- The third level contains the full text of the reference document which is summarised at the two previous levels.

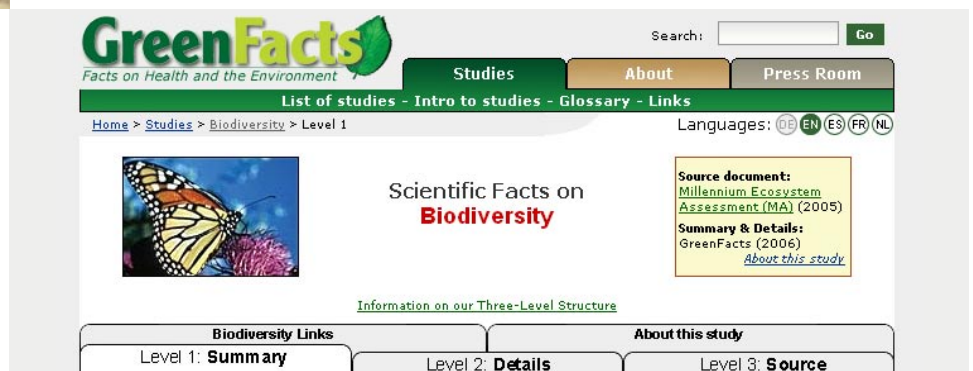
24 topics have been covered so far, ranging from diet and nutrition to ecosystems and climate change.

For more details, visit the GreenFacts website at:

**[www.greenfacts.org](http://www.greenfacts.org)**

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The screenshot shows the GreenFacts website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Studies', 'About', and 'Press Room'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Studies > Biodiversity > Level 1'. The main content area features a butterfly image on the left and the title 'Scientific Facts on Biodiversity' in the center. To the right, there is a box for 'Source document: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) (2005)' and 'Summary & Details: GreenFacts (2006)'. At the bottom, there is a table with three columns: 'Biodiversity Links', 'About this study', and 'Information on our Three-Level Structure'. The 'Biodiversity Links' column has a row for 'Level 1: Summary'. The 'About this study' column has a row for 'Level 3: Source'. The 'Information on our Three-Level Structure' column has a row for 'Level 2: Details'.