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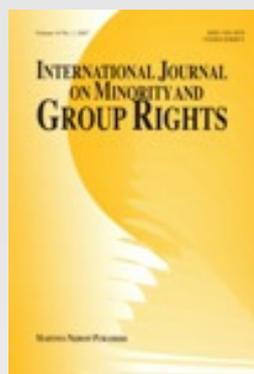
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Social scientists and biologists/environmentalists have taken two very different legal and political strategies to deal with the disappearance of cultural and biological diversity, with the environmentalists having greater success in drawing at

difference is not due to the legal basis for actions. In terms of international legal protections, the laws and mechanisms for cultural diversity are probably stronger than those for species. The reason for the greater comparative success of the environmental movement is anything inherent in the areas of concern, but more to the effectiveness of organization of the biologists and ecologists who have concerns in a scientific way, and their use of a tool – the *Red Book for Endangered Species* – that offers an accessible format to understand the threats. This article describes the emerging legal mechanisms in the international community through which cultures can be more effectively protected, both by legal enforcement and by awareness, through the use of a new policy and the efforts that have taken place in anthropology, among linguists and others, to begin such systematization. It begins to set a format and standard for such work by offering ideas on a systematic framework. And, it suggests the processes of collaboration between the community of anthropologists, linguists, sociologists and other social scientists, lawyers and human rights professionals as a more tangible measure of the threats to cultures.

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