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**Outline**

We are rapidly destroying our only habitat, Earth. It is becoming clear that many of the treaties, laws and policies concluded in recent years have failed to slow down, let alone halt or reverse, this process. Like Fritjof Capra, who argues that our survival requires a radically different social and economic structure, Cormac Cullinan shows that the survival of the community of life on Earth (including humans), requires us to alter fundamentally our understanding of the nature and purpose of law and governance, rather than merely changing laws. In describing what this new “Earth governance” and “Earth jurisprudence” might look like, he also gives practical guidance on how to begin moving towards it.

Thomas Berry, the leading environmental philosopher, says ‘This book of Cormac Cullinan explains with great clarity how we can change our entire approach to governance so that we can continue life on a liveable planet. In its basic outlines this book is one of the finest contributions to the entire field of jurisprudence in recent times.’

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Ground-breaking and provocative, *Wild Law* is a journey of discovery that fuses an eclectic blend of politics, legal theory, quantum physics and ancient wisdom into a fascinating and eminently readable story. It is an inspiring and stimulating book for anyone who cares about Earth and is concerned about the direction in which the human species is moving.

**About the Author**

Cormac Cullinan is chief executive officer of EnAct International, an environmental law and policy consultancy headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa and a partner in the specialist environmental law firm Winstanley, Smith and Cullinan Inc. He has specialised in the field of environmental law and policy since 1992. Cormac has advised international organisations and governments in more than 20 countries, and has extensive experience of analysing governance systems and drafting treaties and laws. He has taught as a visiting or part-time lecturer at the Universities of London, Natal, and Cape Town. Since 2000 he has collaborated with the Gaia Foundation of London and a network of individuals in different countries to initiate the process of developing an ecocentric approach to law and governance.

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With a Foreword by Thomas Berry

Thomas Berry is one of the world’s leading thinkers on human relationships with the natural world. Monk, philosopher, cultural historian, and author, he considers himself to be a “geologian” or earth scholar rather than a theologian. An eloquent and passionate spokesperson for the Earth, he has been described as “one of the most eminent cultural historians of our time” and by Newsweek as “the most provocative figure among the new breed of eco-theologians”. His works include The Dream of the Earth, The Universe Story (with scientist Brian Swimme) and The Great Work.

Endorsements

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‘Wild Law is a stimulating, eminently readable response to our governance crisis. The survival of our species and health of the Earth family depends on our ability to transform governance systems so that humans become part of the ecological matrix of biological and cultural diversity. This book is a milestone on that path.’ — Dr Vandana Shiva, President of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, and founder of Navdanya, a movement for biodiversity, conservation and farmers’ rights. Her most recent book is Water Wars.

‘Africa, the cradle of humanity, is rich in biodiversity and human cultures. Both are being degraded and destroyed by a world order that has forgotten the role we need to play in the Earth system and the value of communities. This important book shows not only why we need to revise our governance systems completely, but also how to begin doing so in a way that draws inspiration from nature and from our diverse human communities.’ — Professor Wangari Mathai, renowned founder of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya, winner of several international prizes and awards.

Other information

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