

Effect of environmental degradation on economic development in Iran

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Abstract While the main goal of many economic policies is to achieve higher economic growth, the environmental hazards caused by economic activity have become a controversial issue. In this regard, the purpose of this study is the effect of environmental degradation on economic development in Iran. This research is of a descriptive-survey nature in terms of its application and method. The statistical population of this research is the years of economic activity in Iran. Data on the actual data required in this research the Central Bank site (GDP, country population and commercial openness), and the World Bank information website (the environmental index variable) have been collected. In the present study, the data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. Research hypotheses were also analyzed according to the nature of the data using time series method using software 10 eviews. The results showed that the environmental degradation variable had a significant effect on the dependent variable. Also, the results indicate that the degree of population openness also influences the development of economic growth. **Keywords:** environmental, economic development, commercial openness

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