



The state of the planet

GLOSSARY:

The state of the planet: l'état de la planète	A civilisation: une civilisation
To post: poster	A tongue-in-cheek humour: un humour ironique, second degré
To look like: sembler	A new balance: un nouvel équilibre
To live: vivre, habiter	The nature: la nature
to be staggering: être préoccupant	Melting of ice caps: la fonte des calottes glaciaires
To jeopardize: menacer, compromettre	Overfishing: la surpêche
To show: montrer	Deforestation: la déforestation
To pose: présenter	Car pollution: la pollution automobile
To save: sauver	An opportunity: une opportunité, une chance
To reach: atteindre	Humanity: l'humanité
To evolve: évoluer	Ourselves: nous-mêmes
To restore: restaurer, rétablir	Less-polluting technology: une technologie moins polluante
To heal: guérir	The ability: la capacité
To doubt: douter	A daunting task: une tâche redoutable, un défi colossal
To face: faire face	A deeper awareness: une prise de conscience plus profonde
A documentary: un documentaire	A species: une espèce
The decline: la dégradation, le déclin	A hazard : un risque
Earth's ecosystems : les écosystèmes de la Terre	Itself : lui-même/elle-même
Ailing : malade, mal en point	The most difficult : le plus difficile
A planet : une planète	A challenge : un défi
The statistics : les statistiques, les chiffres	
The loss of biodiversity : la perte de biodiversité	
The climate: le climat	
Deterioration: détérioration	



A serious threat: une menace sérieuse	
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Dialogue:

W: Sarah, have you seen this documentary I posted on internet a few days ago about the decline of earth ecosystems?

Sarah: Yes I did. It looks like we are living on an ailing planet...

W: the statistics are staggering as the loss of biodiversity jeopardizes ecosystems.

Sarah: The climate shows signs of deterioration that poses a serious threat to our civilisation, isn't it?

W: Is it me or I feel some tongue-in-cheek humour in your words?

Sarah: Yes indeed. To save the Earth by reaching a new balance with nature seems illusory. From melting of ice caps and overfishing to deforestation and car pollution we are all wrong. But I don't see any opportunity to make it change. Humanity cannot change as it hardly evolves...

W: Maybe restoring an ecosystem means also restoring ourselves first? Maybe using a less-polluting technology will help healing the planet?

Sarah: I doubt about human being's ability to do that, it seems a daunting task. What did you mean by restoring ourselves?

W: I was thinking of a deeper awareness of the fact that our species is now a hazard to the other ten million or so on the planet, and to itself.

Sarah: I agree but I think it may be the most difficult challenge humanity has ever faced.