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**THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AS A VALUE IMPORTANT IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF
THE SOCIETY**

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ABSTRACT

These days, we can observe intense exploitation of all natural resources which is the consequence of growing needs of the rapidly developing civilization. This results in the deterioration of the natural environment. The research does not give an unequivocal answer as for the state of public awareness in the area of knowledge and ecological activities. Indications are that ecological education requires constant development and controlled implementation in all layers of the society.

Key words: environmental awareness, epigeosphere, the environment, draining of natural resources, pro-ecological education, environmental degradation

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