A dying Planet

Our problems would be much simpler if we needed only to consider the balance between food and population. But in the long view the progressive deterioration of our environment may cause more death and suffering than any conceivable food-population gap. And it is precisely these, environmental deterioration, that is almost universally agreed by those most concerned with closing the food gap.

Ecological systems daily input thousands of units lost by erosion, mining, irrigation dams, pesticides, environmental modification for food products, and so on. The simpler an ecosystem the more vulnerable.