



International Dark-Sky Association

“... to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies”

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About the International Dark-Sky Association

The Tucson Arizona-based International Dark-Sky Association, an environmental, educational, nonprofit organization known as IDA, has been working to make a difference in the nighttime environment. IDA calls attention to the problems of light pollution in an effort to conserve energy, safeguard ecosystems, and defend the view of the fading stars of the night sky. IDA works to educate individuals, scientists, and communities around the world about the consequences of poor outdoor lighting practices and to offer solutions. IDA is a member-based organization with members in seventy countries worldwide. It has over fifty volunteer chapters in seventeen countries. The chapters serve as independently functioning groups that promote awareness and work to create regional legislation.

IDA's mission statement—"to preserve and protect the night-time environment and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting"—encompasses the organization's wide reaching goals and attracts a broad range of interests. Light pollution is an intensely interdisciplinary topic, involving technology, astronomy, physics, biology, human health, ecology, energy, sustainability, politics, engineering, cultural history, and the arts.

IDA remains as the only non-profit organization working around the world to address the problems of light pollution. Among its efforts, the organization provides information brochures, workshops, a model lighting ordinance, and awards the distinguished IDA Fixture Seal of Approval to applicants with lighting fixtures that are dark-sky friendly. IDA also manages a night sky conservation program that recognizes parks, reserves and communities for their efforts in night sky protection.

To learn more about IDA and light pollution visit their website at <http://www.darksky.org>