

Strange Natures: Conservation in the Era of Synthetic Biology
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Discussion Questions

These questions can be used in book clubs and conservation groups to encourage discussion, dialogue and ongoing learning about synthetic biology and conservation.

1. What did you find most interesting about *Strange Natures*?
2. What do you think the authors were trying to say in this book?
3. What did you find least convincing about the book?
4. What were the strengths and weaknesses of the book's title? Can you think of other examples of "strange" natures? How do these compare to those described in this book?
5. What did you already know about the issues in *Strange Natures* before you read it?
6. Has reading this book changed the way you think about synthetic biology in general, or in the context of conservation?
7. Having read *Strange Natures*, do you have new questions? If you got the chance to ask the authors one of them, what would it be?
8. Do you think it is acceptable to use artificial techniques to conserve nature?
9. Did *Strange Natures* make you feel in particular ways about nature and technology?
10. Share a quote from *Strange Natures* that caught your attention. Why did this quote stand out?