**Simple ecosystems are more stable.**

**Heath 1999** [Jim Heath, Orchards Australia, “WHY SAVE ORCHIDS UNDER THREAT?,” Dec 99]

We’ve all read about the imperatives of biodiversity

**Exponential population growth causes collapse**

**Boulter, 02** (Michael Boulter - professor for paleobiology at the Natural History Museum and the University of East London, former editor to the Palaeontological Association, former secretary to the International Organization of Palaeobotany, and UK representative at the International Union of Biological Sciences, “Extinction: Evolution and the End of Man,” pg. 183-184, CM)

The system of life on Earth behaves in a similar way for all its measurable variables

**It results in long food chains – those are bad**

**Mertz et al 03** (Leslie Mertz – biologist and veteran freelance science writer, editor, and consultant, Science in Dispute Vol. 2, “ Does greater species diversity lead to greater stability in ecosystems,”<http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_gx5204/is_2003/ai_n19124307/?tag=content;col1>, CM)

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