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 misery than any conceivable food-population gap. And it is just this factor, environmental deterioration, that is almost universally ignored by those most concerned with closing the food gap.

Ecological systems easily upset
Thousands of acres lost by erosion
strip mining
irrigation dams silted up.
Environmental modification for food production
"inputs".
fertilizer
pesticide
clearing of forests

The simpler an Eco-system the more unstable