

Due Process and the Writ of *Kalikasan*

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This Essay examines the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases recently issued by the Supreme Court. The Author dissects the Rules into its component parts and deduces key features such as liberalized standing and a distinctive aspect in the presentation of evidence. Additionally, focus is given to the Rules' most prominent feature — the Writ of *Kalikasan*.

The Writ is then compared to other writs contained in other rules of procedure, the Author noting key similarities among them. Ultimately, the Author concludes that the innovative features provided in the Rules in favor of environmental cases should be balanced with a proper appreciation of pre-existing rights.