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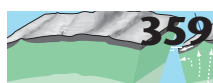
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ABOUT THE COVER: NASA's incredible Blue Marble 2012 image shows Earth's oceans, continental surfaces with vegetation, and atmosphere, and emphasizes the whole-Earth (and beyond) perspective of nitrogen adopted in this issue. At Earth's surface, nitrogen largely resides in its very thin atmosphere. Atmospheric nitrogen is fixed into the biosphere (including by humans), then conveyed into the deeper Earth through subduction, continental collision, and sedimentary burial.

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