



Biodiversity and its Range

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Abstract

Biodiversity refers to the variety and variability of living organisms present on Earth and encompasses diversity at the genetic, species, and ecosystem levels. It is an essential component of ecological stability and supports numerous environmental, economic, social, and cultural benefits. The range of biodiversity varies considerably across geographical regions, habitats, and climatic conditions. Tropical forests, coral reefs, wetlands, grasslands, mountains, deserts, freshwater systems, and marine environments each support distinct communities of organisms. Tropical regions generally contain exceptionally high species diversity, while extreme environments often support specialized organisms adapted to particular ecological conditions. Biodiversity also includes genetic variation within species, which enables populations to adapt to environmental changes and emerging threats. However, biodiversity is currently declining because of habitat destruction, climate change, pollution, overexploitation of natural resources, invasive species, and unsustainable human activities. The loss of biodiversity can disrupt food chains, reduce ecosystem resilience, threaten livelihoods, and diminish essential ecosystem services such as pollination, soil formation, water purification, and carbon storage. Conservation of biodiversity therefore requires effective protection of natural habitats, sustainable resource management, restoration of degraded ecosystems, and active participation from local communities and governments. Understanding the range and distribution of biodiversity is important for developing effective conservation strategies and maintaining ecological balance. This overview highlights the major dimensions, geographical patterns, ecological importance, threats, and conservation needs associated with biodiversity, emphasizing its fundamental role in sustaining life and supporting the well-being of present and future generations.

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