



BIODIVERSITY | VOCABULARY

<i>biodiversity</i>	the variety of life in a habitat or ecosystem
<i>keystone species</i>	a species in an ecosystem that other species largely depend upon
<i>population</i>	a group of individuals of the same species in a given area
<i>habitat loss</i>	the reduction of the amount of space where species have to live
<i>oil pollution</i>	when oil leaks from pipelines or from drilling, and gets into an ecosystem
<i>disturbance</i>	a physical force or agent causing stress and changes to an ecosystem
<i>food web</i>	the way energy is transferred up food chains
<i>biome</i>	all the living things in an ecosystem
<i>the arctic</i>	the cold, icy, and snowy region with little biodiversity, located near the poles
<i>temperate forest</i>	the region that is typically wet and humid with deciduous trees, our local biome
<i>invasive species</i>	a nonnative species introduced to an area that takes resources from native species

