

1. MEANING OF HABITAT

A habitat is the place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows. It can also be described as a place where an organism lives, grows and also carry out life's activity. It is a place that it is suitable for the organism. For instance, the habitat of a whale is in the water.

Habitats may be big or small depending on how the size of an organism is. Habitat is also a term associated with an organism in the study of ecology.

1.1 Types of Habitat

In order for an organism to live, it must be adapted to a particular kind of habitat. The organism can either live in water, land, air, trees etc. We have two (2) main types of habitats, namely;

- I. Aquatic habitat
- II. Terrestrial habitat

- I. Crabs
- II. Bony fishes
- III. Sharks
- IV. Barnacles
- V. Cartilaginous Fishes

Plants:

- I. Seaweeds
- II. Algae
- III. Planktons

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4. ESTUARINE HABITAT

Estuarine habitat can be described as a body of water formed at the coast as a result of the action of tides which mix salt water from the sea and fresh water from the land. These mixings of saltwater and freshwater results in the formation of a brackish water

- III. Oysters
- IV. Mud crabs
- V. Pond turtles
- VI. Hermit crabs

Plants:

- I. Sea grass
- II. Mangroves
- III. Saltmarsh
- IV. Macroalgae
- V. Microalgae

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5. FRESHWATER HABITAT

Fresh water habitat is a body of water formed mainly from inland water and contain very low level of salinity. E.g. rivers, ponds, springs, and lakes etc.....

3.4 Characteristics of Freshwater habitat

- I. It is made up of tall and short trees scattered and do not form a close canopy, unlike the rainforest.
- II. Fire outbreak are likely to happen especially during dry season.
- III. The climate of the savanna is quite warm.
- IV. Savanna is usually flat.
- V. It has low soil fertility.
- VI. They are usually found near the equator (the halfway point between the north and south parts of the earth.)

10. ARID LAND OR DESERT

A desert is barren environment where little precipitation occurs and living conditions are difficult for plants and animals. It is very hot

- I. Cactus
- II. Yuccas
- III. Sotol
- IV. Ephedra
- V. Brittlebush.

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