

- 1. What are the three symbiotic relationships?
- 2. What is competitive exclusion?
- 3. Give an example of one ecosystem service that a stable environment can provide.



# Biodiversity

### Ecosystem services

#### Services Provided and Examples

#### **Purifying water**

Wetlands and intact forests along rivers and around reservoirs filter and clean groundwater. Preserving buffer zones that perform these natural processes is significantly cheaper than building water-purification plants.

#### **Buffering effects of weather**

Mangrove forests protect tropical shorelines from erosion by storm waves and runoff. Dune grasses and salt marsh grasses do the same in temperate regions.

#### Pollinating

Bees, flies, and butterflies pollinate crop plants, including fruit trees and vegetables. Beetles, bats, and hummingbirds pollinate many other important plants.



#### **Regulating pests**

Many species of birds and bats eat insects like mosquitoes that can spread disease. These and other predators also eat crop-damaging insects.

#### Food production

Highly productive ocean areas provide large fishes, such as tuna, with food and space to thrive. Many wild plants may also produce food for humans.

#### Nutrient cycling

Healthy, actively growing forests remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Bacteria and fungi also take up nitrogen and fix it into organic compounds.

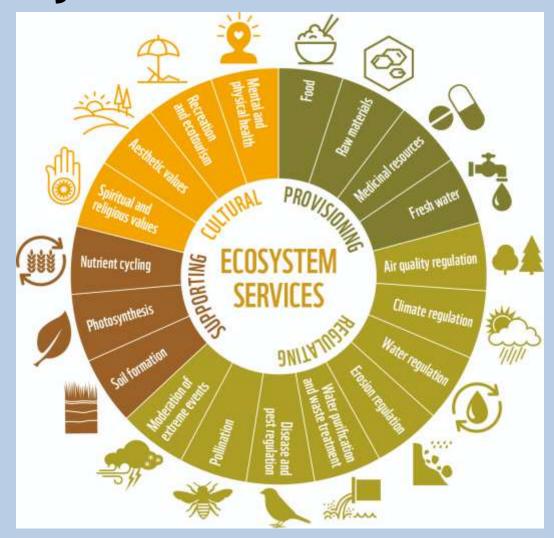
#### Maintaining soil structure

Detritivores and other soil organisms aerate soil and prevent it from becoming too compacted. Bacteria and fungi in soil as well as leaf litter microbiomes produce humus.



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# Logistics

- Unit 2 Ecology Assessment is this THURSDAY, Nov 7th
  - Cross out objectives 16,17
  - YOU MUST RETAKE UNIT 1 ASSESSMENT BY THURSDAY

### Review

- STAY ENGAGED
- Use your worksheet as a review
- http://youtu.be/PagO3gmwmA0

