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Biodiversity Conservation: The Practice of Conserving and Protecting a Variety of Species and Ecosystems

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Commentary

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Description

The preservation of species in their natural habitat is referred to as in-situ conservation of biodiversity. The natural ecology is preserved and safeguarded using this technique. National parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and biosphere reserves are a few protected locations where *in-situ* conservation is practiced. These are modest reserves that the government looks for. Its limits are clearly defined, and human activities like grazing, forestry, habitat development, and farming are not permitted. Kanha National Park and Bandipur National Park are two examples. Animal sanctuaries are places where only wild animals can be found. Human activities like logging, farming, gathering wood, and other forest products are permitted here as long as they don't get in the way of the conservation initiative. Additionally, vacationers travel to these locations. Biosphere reserves are diversely used protected regions where domesticated plants and animals, as well as wildlife and local customs, are safeguarded. Activities like tourism and research are allowed here.

Breeding and maintaining endangered species in man-made habitats like zoos, nurseries, botanical gardens, gene banks, etc. is known as ex-situ conservation of biodiversity. Fewer organisms are competing with one another for food, water, and available space.

Restoration of Animal, Plant, and Microbial Diversity: The conservation of biodiversity is the main objective of most restoration projects, which range from efforts to reestablish a wide variety of species to efforts to reintroduce specific species of endangered plants and animals. The manipulation of species and ecological processes to produce self-organizing, sustainable, native ecosystems as essential components of the landscape, as closely as possible to how they existed before disruptive human disturbances, may be referred to as restoration.

With over 32,000 species, fish have a tremendous diversity, with the majority existing in marine habitats. But overfishing and habitat destruction have put many fish species or populations in danger. The production of fish is a significant global industry that generates billions of dollars in revenue and employs millions of people, yet it can have substantial environmental implications, such as the bycatch of endangered species or a change in genetic diversity. Additional variables that affect fish populations and the ecosystems that support them include climate change, pollution, the increase in the human population, aquaculture, and others. With the help of marine protected areas, effective fisheries management, and increased public awareness of the production of seafood, it is possible to sustain healthy fish populations.

Numerous animals and ecosystems have suffered greatly as a result of human activity. Thus, in order to execute successful biodiversity conservation initiatives, it is essential to understand the local biodiversity status. The southern Philippine island of Mindanao is home to many rare species, especially in its virgin environments. However, there are still gaps in the data on biodiversity for many terrestrial species and important regions. We compiled published research on Mindanao's biodiversity from 2000 to 2022 in order to address this problem. Four significant terrestrial vertebrates from Mindanao were employed as research subjects for this examination as well.

The Anthropocene geological period has begun on Earth. The human species has shown its capacity to alter key geochemical cycles, the climate, and the biosphere through interactions with the earth. On average, human health has never been better than it is right now, thanks to advancements in public health that are linked to rising global affluence. The environmental effects of this economic achievement are its corollary, though. One aspect that exacerbates health hazards is the decline in ecosystem function brought on by agricultural intensification and the widespread use of different biocides. Changes and biodiversity loss have an impact on the epidemiological environment by causing new infectious diseases and noncommunicable diseases to arise or reappear. Most ecosystems are thought to be more complex.

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