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Ecosystem Vocabulary Test

1. A living thing in an ecosystem, such as a plant, an animal, or a bacterium. A. Climate
2. The effects on the ecosystem that are a result of the nonliving parts of that ecosystem. B. Food Web
3. The role of an organism in an ecosystem. C. Invasive species
4. One of Earth's large ecosystems, each with its own kind of climate, soil, plants, and animals. D. Biome
5. The average weather pattern of a region over time. E. Food Chain
6. The boundary where a freshwater ecosystem meets a saltwater ecosystem. F. Niche
7. A specific classification of a plant or animal that is not native to an ecosystem. G. Limiting Factors
8. The overlapping food chains in an ecosystem. H. Nitrogen Cycle
9. The continuous movement of water between Earth's surface and the air, changing from liquid into gas into liquid. I. Biotic Factor
10. Anything that controls the growth or survival of a population. J. Abiotic Factor
11. The path that energy and nutrients follow in an ecosystem. K. Water Cycle
12. The continuous trapping of nitrogen gas into compounds in the soil and its return to the air. L. Estuaries