

Glossary

Adaptation

Adjustment in natural or human systems to a new or changing environment.

Alien species

A species, subspecies or lower taxon, introduced outside its natural past or present distribution; includes any part, gametes, seeds, eggs, or propagules of such species that might survive and subsequently reproduce.

Anthropogenic impacts

Impacts resulting from human activities.

Biogeographic realm

A large spatial region, within which ecosystems share a broadly similar biota. Eight terrestrial biogeographic realms are typically recognized, corresponding roughly to continents (Australasian, Afrotropical, Nearctic, Oceanic, Antarctic, Indo-Malayan, Neotropical, Palearctic).

Landscape connectivity

The degree to which the landscape facilitates or impedes movement among resource patches.