

Glossary

Biome A broad, regional type of ecosystem. characterized by distinctive climate and soil conditions and a distinctive kind of biological community adapted to those conditions.

Biotic Pertaining to life; environmental factors created by living organisms.

Blue Revolution New techniques of fish farming that may contribute as much to human nutrition as miracle cereal grains but also may create social and environmental problems.

Captive Breeding Raising plants or animals in zoos or other controlled conditions to produce stock for subsequent release into the wild.

Chaotic Systems Systems that exhibit variability, which may not be necessarily random, yet whose complex patterns are not discernible over a normal human time scale.