

Navigating A Changing World

Biodiversity and Climate Change

Vocabulary for Students



- **Biodiversity:** the variety of life in the world, a habitat or an ecosystem.
- **Species:** a group of living organisms which have a unique set of characteristics that distinguish them from other organisms; the basic unit of biological classification.
- **Niche:** an organism's position within a community; a set of resources an organism needs and/or utilizes.
- **Mitigation:** keeping carbon (a greenhouse gas) out of the atmosphere.
- **Resilience:** the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
- **Adaptation:** the process of changes by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment.
- **Migration:** the movement of animals in response to seasonal or food supply changes.
- **Fragmentation:** the breaking up of large habitats into smaller, isolated chunks.