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IB Environmental Systems and Societies

2.1 Species and populations

Significant ideas:

A species interacts with its abiotic and biotic environment, and its niche is described by these interactions.

Populations change and respond to interactions with the environment.

All systems have a carrying capacity for a given species.



Key vocabulary

1. Define the following:

Species

Habitat

Niche

Abiotic factors

Biotic factors

Carrying capacity



2. Distinguish between *fundamental niche* and *realized niche*.

3. Explain why population growth slows when a population approaches its carrying capacity.



Interactions

1. Define the following species interactions

Competition

Predation

Herbivory

Parasitism

Mutualism

2. Distinguish between intra-and inter-specific competition.



Population changes

1. Outline what is represented in S and J curves

2. Draw a **labeled** S and J curve.:

S curve:



J curve:

