



Care About Ecosystems

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- **Quote:** "Each species on our planet plays a role in the healthy functioning of natural ecosystems, on which humans depend." William H. Schlesinger
- **Fact:** Ecosystem degradation affects the well-being of an estimated 3.2 billion people, or 40 percent of the world's population. [Source](#)



Get Informed!

- Learn [about ecosystems and the different types that exist](#).
- Learn about the importance of our [coral reefs](#).
- See [how humans can affect ecosystems](#) in positive and negative ways.



Get Talking!

- What different types of ecosystems do we have around us?
- Give some examples of changes within the ecosystems around us. How do each of those changes affect the ecosystem?
- What can we do to improve our ecosystems?



Get Going!

- [Form a food web](#) and other hands-on activities to help your group understand ecosystems.
- [Use these worksheets](#) to dive deeper into how animals survive and how they are classified.
- Understand more about the importance of each living and nonliving thing in an ecosystem through [interactive role play](#).
- Find more resources and project ideas [here](#).