

Hello students, today we will be covering a topic from course titled Introduction and Scope of Microbiology from Unit 8 Ecology and Ecosystem. Module name is concept of ecosystem type, structure and function of ecosystem and solution a shape.

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The outline of my presentation is introduction to ecosystem, concept of ecosystem types of ecosystem, structure of ecosystem and function of ecosystem.

Upon completing this module, the students will be able to explain the concept of ecosystem, describe the types of ecosystem, describe the structure of ecosystem and describe the function of.

Ecosystem, all the living organisms on Earth.

They cannot live in isolation.

They have to interact with their

nonliving environment and the nonliving environment provides material as well as energy for the living organisms to survive.

This interaction of biotic community with itself and the environment is known as ecosystem.

This ecosystem is a stable system, and it is a naturally.

Self sufficient, you need ecosystems are part of nature.

While living organisms interact among themselves and with their physical environment.

The term ecosystem was coined by a English botanist AG Tensley.

In the year of 1935, the ecosystem is defined as the structural and functional Unit of ecology that is nature and encompassing complex interaction between the.

Biotic that is leaving and a biotic that is non living, nonliving components.

Now examples of ecosystem,
our pond ecosystem, desert ecosystem,
grassland ecosystem, forest ecosystem,
etc.

Now under the concept of Ecosystem 3,
major components,
false one is type of ecosystem,
secondary structure of ecosystem
and 3rd is function of ecosystem
under the type of ecosystem we have
to dry ecosystem forest, grassland,
desert and aquatic ecosystem.

Under the structure of ecosystem we
have biotic and a biotic component
under the function of ecosystem we
have energy flow, food, chain, food, web.

And biogeochemical cycles.

Now type of ecosystem, plants,
animals, microorganisms, rocks,
soil, water,
sunlight.

They are the major components
of any ecosystem now.

Ecosystems are categorized into two types,

aquatic and terrestrial.

Ecosystem terrestrial ecosystems are the land based ecosystem, whereas aquatic ecosystem are water based.

Now, terrestrial ecosystem differs from the aquatic ecosystem.

The main factors which differentiate the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem is the relative shortage of water in the terrestrial ecosystem.

Another factor.

Is the availability of light and the main type of terrestrial ecosystems are the forest ecosystem, desert ecosystem, grassland ecosystem, and finally the mountain ecosystem, which is also known as tundra ecosystem.

First one is the forest ecosystem.

Forest ecosystem is the has the abundant flora and fauna in their ecosystem.

It is highly densed with living Organism.

They are classified on basis of.

The climatic condition into

tropical Evergreen forest.

Tropical Deciduous forest,

temperate,

Evergreen forest and temperate deciduous

forests and also tiger region.

Now rainforest ecosystem is the most diverse.

Flora has the most diverse flora and

fauna than any other region on the Earth.

The rainforest ecosystem is warm,

moisture laden environment that

is why the trees.

Are growing tall with a dense and

lush foliage in which the species are

growing happily in the temperate zone.

The forest ecosystem can be

deciduous or Coniferous or

mixture of both certain traits.

Trees will shed their leaves each fall,

while others will remain

Evergreen throughout the year.

Coming towards the grassland ecosystem,

they do not have any long trees.

Whereas these are the areas mostly

comprising of the Graciers and little

number of shrubs and smaller trees.

Now grazing animals insect.

If voters and herbivores are the types of organisms which are found in the grassland, it provides an ideal environment for the grazing animal.

There are three types of grassland ecosystem, primary savannahs and steeps.

They share a common characteristic.

That is,

all of these three grasslands are semiarid in nature.

Now trees are not present here and they are typically found in the tropical region or temperate region.

The grass lane, which is found in tropical region are called as Savannah and the grassland, which is found in temperate.

Other priorities savannahs are dry seasonally and they have large number of predators and grazers coming.

Priorities are divided into 3 subtypes.

That is mixed grass,
tallgrass and shortgrass.

Prairies do not have large shrubs and
trees coming towards the desert ecosystem.

It has low precipitation,
low,

lesser than 25 centimeter or
10 inches per year,

but about 17% of the land on the earth
is occupied with the desert ecosystem,
the flora.

And founder found in this ecosystem
are not developed and they have to
sustain high temperature intense UV
rays and low availability of water.

The main vegetation which is
found here are shrubs,
bushes and few grasses and trees.

The stems and leaves of these plants
have been developed in such a way to
conserve the water as much as possible.

Camels,
reptiles and certain insects.

And birds are the creatures which

are found in this region.

Not all deserts are hot desert ecosystem.

There are certain.

Headsets which are found in the Arctic

but regardless of the latitude,

all the deserts are windy.

Some deserts contain sand dune,

whereas other deserts will be mostly rocky.

Coming towards the Tundra ecosystem,

which is also known as mountain ecosystem,

it has harsh environmental conditions

and the soil is frozen all year and

this condition is called as permafrost.

Now the mountain ecosystem is the

most scattered and diverse in terms

of their habitat and a large number of

animals and plant plants are found here.

Now the condition at a very high

altitude is not allowing a lot of plants.

To grow only certain vegetations

will be grown,

and those are called as Alpine vegetation.

Now animals which live here they

have a thick fur.

In order to protect themselves
against the harsh cold environment,
and they usually.

Hibernate throughout the winter.

Now the slopes at a low altitude are
generally covered with the coniferous
forest during summer and spring the
snow will melt and it forms a pond near.

It forms a point point which
will attract a lot of migrants,
such as waterfowl sometimes
during spring and summer,
certain like Kerns and even
small flowers will be visible.

Now.

The term tundra it refers to the
polar areas at a lower altitude,
but certain tundra like communities
you can find at a higher elevation and
those are called as Alpine tundras.

Now next is the aquatic ecosystem.

Now waterbodies our term, sorry.

The ecosystem which has water

bodies are aquatic ecosystem.

They are divided into two types,

freshwater ecosystem and

marine water ecosystem.

First we will see marine ecosystem.

Marine ecosystem is the

biggest ecosystem on Earth.

It covers about 70% of the Earth's

surface and about 97% of the total

water is a marine water now high.

Amount of minerals and salts

are present in the marine water.

Now Marine ecosystem differs

from the freshwater ecosystem.

Since marine water has marine water

is a saltwater which will support

a different kinds of species.

Marine ecosystem consists of the open

ocean floor surface and tidal zone estuaries,

salt marshes, saltwater swamps,

mangroves and coral reefs.

Coming towards the freshwater ecosystem.

They are very small in magnitude as

compared to the marine ecosystem.

There is only zero point 8% of the Earth's surface is covered with fresh water and the .009% of their total water of Earth is the freshwater.

The freshwater ecosystems are divided into three types.

Lentic ecosystem,
Lotic ecosystem and wetland ecosystem.

Lentic ecosystem is the water body which is slowly moving.

Or a stillwater such as pond or lake and Lotic ecosystem are the water bodies which are fast moving, such as river and stream.

The wetlands are those system which has soil which is saturated throughout the year.

Many different species of reptiles.

Amphibians are found in the freshwater ecosystem and about 41% of worlds fish are present in the freshwater.

The fast moving water.

Contains more dissolved oxygen, hence they have great greater diversity.

The planktons,
which are part of the freshwater ecosystem,
forms the smallest living part
of the food web that is eaten,
eaten up by the fish and other
small creatures.

Coming towards the structure of ecosystem,
there are two Type 2 components
to the structure of ecosystem.

One is biotic and one is a biotic
by a biotic.

Component is is made up
of nonliving components,
and they are categorized into two types,
climatic and and.

Climatic and Efik in the climatic
factor we have rain, temperature,
light, wind,
humidity and in end if we have
soil pH topography, mineral etc.

In the biotic component,
the living organisms such as plant animal,
microorganisms,

false biotic components are
divided into 3 categories,
one is producer,
second is consumer and 3rd is decomposers.

Under producer we have green plant
that has chlorophyll which helps trap
the solar energy and change it into
chemical energy of carbohydrate.

Using inorganic compounds such as water.

When carbon dioxide this process
is called as photosynthesis.

Now green plant are example of the
producers and they are called as autotrophs.

Auto represents to self and
trophs are feeders.

This chemical energy stored by
the producer is utilized by the
producer for their growth and
survival and the remaining is
stored in the plant for future use.

The consumers are the animals
which will lack the chlorophyll.

And they utilizes the sorry.

Consumers are the animals which do

not have chlorophyll and they are
unable to synthesize their own food.

They depend on the producer for their
food source and they are called as herb.

Sorry.

They are called as heterotrophs hetero
meaning other and troughs meaning feeders.

The consumers are divided into four types.

The primary consumers,

which is also known as first
order consumers or Herbie words.

These are the animals that feeds
on the plant or the producers.

They are called as herbivores and
the example for it are rabid deer,
goat, cattle etc.

In the secondary consumer it is
also called as secondary order
consumer or primary carnivores.

They are the Organism which feed on
the herbivores. The examples are.

Cat, foxes, snakes, etc.

In the tertiary consumer we

have larger carnivores

such as wolves in the tertiary consumers

we have carnivores which feed on the

tertiary consumers and they are not

being eaten up by any other Organism.

Examples are lion and tiger.

Decomposers are also known as reducers.

The bacteria and fungi belongs

to the decomposers family.

They breakdown the dead organic

material of producers and consumers

for their food and releases inorganic

and organic substances into the

environment that are produced as

byproducts from their metabolism.

These simple substances are again

reused by the producers resulting

in a cyclic exchange of material.

Between Biotic and a biotic

components the decomposers are

also known as separate troughs.

Cipro represents to rotten and

troughs meaning feeders coming towards

the function of the ecosystem.

As we know that ecosystem are complex dynamic system there are various functions of ecosystem such as productivity, decomposition, physical flow that is energy flow, biological, that is food, chain, food, web or ecological succession.

And we have biochemical processes, food, chain, food, web and energy flow and nutrient cycles will be covered in the later modules.

Productivity, a constant input from a solar energy, is the basic requirement of the ecosystem to function and to sustain now.

Primary production is defined as the amount of the biomass or organic matter which is produced per unit area over a time period by plants during photosynthesis.

It is expressed in terms of weight that is gram power minus two, or energy that is kilo calories.

Perimeter Square the rate of biomass production is called as the productivity it is expressed in terms of gram power minus two per year or kilocalories per meter square per year.

To compare the productivity of different ecosystems.

Productivity is divided into two types, gross primary productivity, which is referred as GP and net primary productivity, which is referred as NPP.

Now gross primary productivity in an ecosystem is the rate of the production of organic matter during the process of photosynthesis, a considerable amount of GP is utilized by plant during respiration, so the gross primary productivity minus the respiration.

Is your net primary productivity that is NPP coming towards the decomposition process?

It is done by the animal known

as decomposers.

Decomposers will breakdown

the complex organic matter.

They also helps in loosening the soil.

Example is earthworm.

It is referred as farmers friend.

The decomposers breaking down complex

organic matter into inorganic

substances like carbon dioxide water.

Nutrients this process is known

as decomposition.

Dead plant remains such as leaves,

barks,

flowers or even the dead remains of animals,

including the fecal matter.

They constitute constitute Detritus,

which is a raw material for

the decomposition.

Now the important steps that is required

in the process of decomposition.

They are fragmentation leaching catabolism,

humification,

and.

Mineralisation detrivores will
breakdown the detrius into smaller
particles and this process is
known as fragmentation.

Leaching is a process where in the
water soluble inorganic nutrients
will Co down into the soil horizon
and it gets precipitated and it
will become an unavailable salt.

Decomposition is an oxygen based process.
It requires oxygen catabolism.

Process is done by bacteria and fungi.
They will produce enzymes that
will degrade the Detroiters into
smaller inorganic substances.

Humification process is the accumulation
of the dark colored amorphous
substance which is known as humours.

This humus is resistant to any
microbial action and the decomposition
rate is extremely slow it.

Serves as a reservoir for nutrients.

The humor is further degraded by some
microorganisms and certain inorganic

nutrients are released into the environment.

This is called as mineralisation.

The rate of decomposition is controlled by chemical composition of Detritus and climatic factors in certain climatic factors.

Decomposition rate is very slow and if the Detritus is rich in lignin.

Then the process of decomposition will be slower.

Process of decomposition will be faster if the Detritus is rich in nitrogen and water soluble substances like sugar, temperature and soil moisture are the most important climatic factors that will regulate the process of decomposition.

Warm and moist environment favors the decomposition, whereas low temperature or low aerobic, aerobic,

warm and moist environment favors the decomposition.

Whereas low temperature and less of oxygen or no oxygen will inhibit

the process of decomposition and

it will result in building up

the organic matter on the Earth.

This is my reference,

thank you.