

WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY?

Biological diversity, or biodiversity, refers to the variety of life in all its forms.

Areas that support a wide variety of life forms, like Kakadu National Park, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, are said to be high in biodiversity.

Areas high in biodiversity have a high conservation value because of the large and varied amount of life found in what are relatively small areas.

Biodiversity is something that not only conservationists and tourists should value. The quality of our natural resources depends on the maintenance of ecosystems. This includes things as tiny as microorganisms that help regulate water quality – and good water quality is something everyone depends on.

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