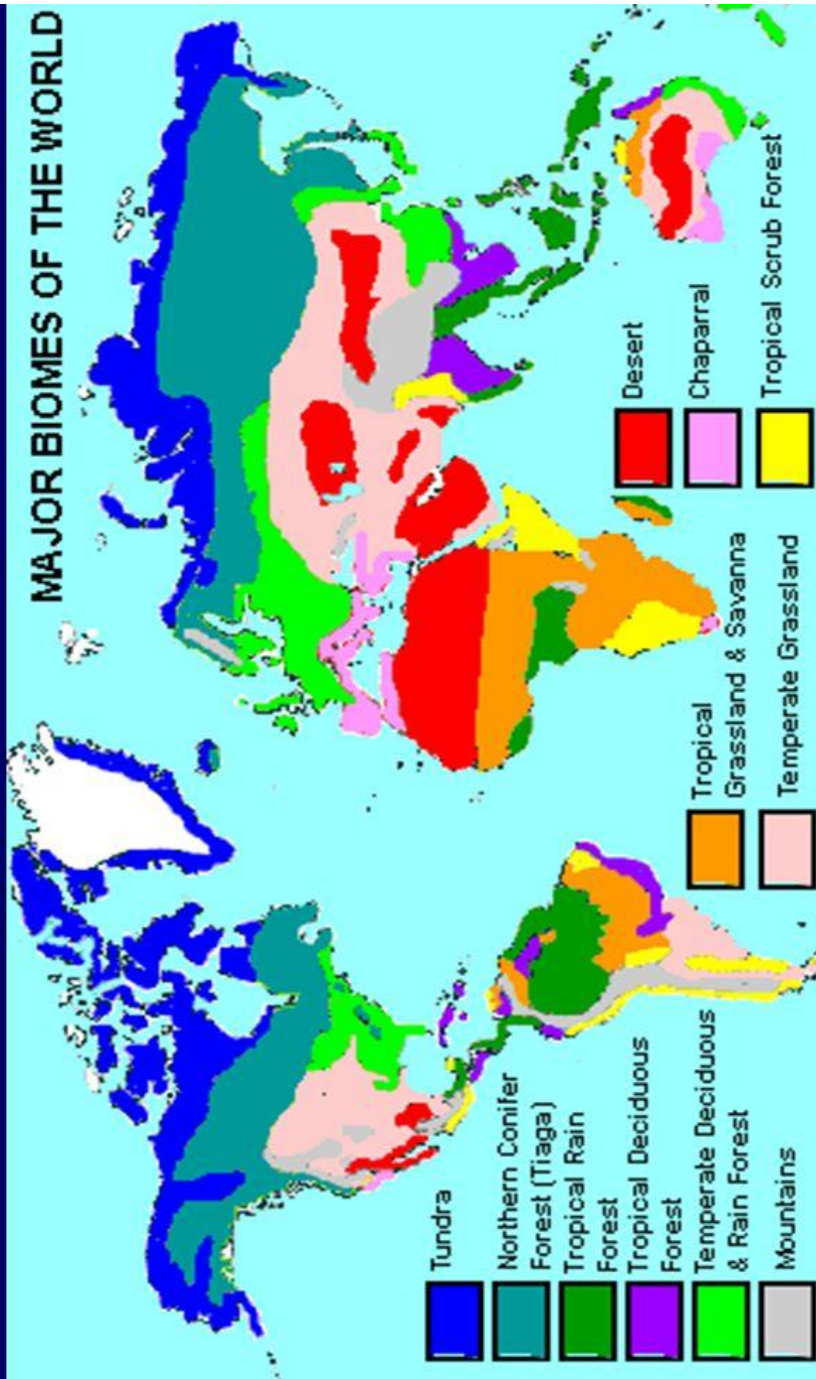


Major Biomes of The World



Biomes

Biomes are very large ecological areas on the earth's surface, with fauna and flora (animals and plants) adapting to their environment. Biomes are often defined by abiotic factors such as climate, relief, geology, soils and vegetation.

Key Vocabulary

1. Adapted - Changed.
2. Biome - A large-scale ecosystem.
3. Climate - Average weather conditions over longer periods and over large areas.
4. Coniferous - Trees that do not lose their leaves in winter.
5. Deciduous - Trees which lose their leaves in winter.
6. Ecosystem - A community of animals, plants and microorganisms, together with the habitat where they live.
7. Organism - Living entity, eg animals, plants or microorganisms.
8. Species - A type of organism that is the basic unit of classification. Individuals of different species are not able to interbreed successfully.
9. Tropics - A very hot, humid country or environment.