

Climate Change - Teacher Review

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Write down below the words that relate to biodiversity.

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What is meant by biodiversity?

Biodiversity relates to the variety of life found in an area. This includes the different plants, animals and microorganisms, their genes and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

How does climate change relate to changes in biodiversity? Give two examples.

Living things are adapted to suit their environment. If the climate changes, both the living and nonliving environment is affected.

When there was a change to a drier and hotter climate, about 70,000 to 50,000 years ago many species of macropods died out because their fodder sources of soft leaved trees and grasses declined. – Loss of variety of species.

Smaller members of some species such as wallabies had more success than their larger counterparts because they required less food and could tolerate hard leaves. In time there were more small members within each species – Loss of variety within species.