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OUR ENVIRONMENT
Introduction
$\rightarrow$ Everything that surrounds us is environment. It includes both living (biotic) and non-living
(abiotic) components.
→ Interaction between these biotic and abiotic components form an ecosystem.
→ In an ecosystem living components depend on each other for their food which give rise to
food chains and food webs in nature.
→ Human activities lead to environmental problems such as depletion of ozone layer and
production of huge amount of garbage.
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Ecosystem
ightarrow All the interacting organisms in an area together with the non-living constituents of the
environment form an ecosystem. E.g., forest, pond etc.

## Types of ecosystem

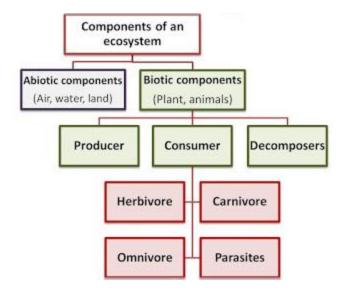
It is of two types

(i) Natural ecosystem: The ecosystem which exist in nature on its own.

Example: forest, lake, ocean.

(ii) Artifical ecosystem: Man-made ecosystems are called artificial ecosystem.

Example: crop field, aquarium, garden.



- **(i) Abiotic Components:** All the non-living components such as air, water, land, light, temperature etc. form the abiotic components.
- **(ii) Biotic Components:** All the living components such as plants, animals, bacteria, fungi etc. form the biotic components.