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Teaching learning material
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Chapter Natural Vegetation and Wildlife Resources Cause of Major Threat to flora and fauna

Every species has an important role in the ecosystem. Hence, conservation of flora and fauna is essential. About 1,300 plant species are endangered and 20 species are extinct. The main causes of this major threat to nature are:

Hunting for commercial purposes

Pollution due to chemical and industrial waste

Rapidly cutting of the forests for cultivation and habitation

Government Initiative to Protect Flora and Fauna

The government has taken many steps to protect the flora and fauna of our country.

18 biosphere reserves have been set up in India to protect flora and fauna. 10 out of these have been included in the world network of biosphere reserves.

Financial and technical assistance has been provided to many botanical gardens by the government since 1992.

Project Tiger, Project Rhino, Project Great Indian Bustard and many other eco-developmental projects have been introduced by the government.

103 National Parks, 535 Wildlife Sanctuaries and Zoological gardens are set up to take care of natural heritage.

Read the above passage throughly and try to understand and give the answer of the following question

- 1. How many Biosphere reserves set up in India to protect flora and fauna?
- 2. Name some Wildlife Project in India.
- 3. How many National parks and wildlife sanctuaries in India.
- 4. What is the Ecosystem?

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