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Habitat and Niche

Habitat	Where a species lives: all biotic and abiotic factors in area where organism lives
Niche	How a species lives in its habitat: all physical, chemical, and biological factors a
	species needs to survive (food, abiotic conditions, behavior)
Competitive Exclusion	When 2 species compete for same resources, one species will be better suited
	to niche
	Other species will be pushed into another niche or become extinct
	Big idea: animals will do everything to avoid competition
Niche Partitioning	Dividing niche by 2 competing species (ex: top of tree and bottom of tree)
Evolutionary Response	Divergent evolution resulting in different successful traits
Ecological Equivalents	Species that occupy similar niches but live in different geographical regions (ex:
	two rainforests on two different continents)

Interactions

Competition	Two organisms fight for same limited resources	
	interspecific competition: competition between different species	
	intraspecific competition: competition between members of same species	
Predation	One organism captures and feeds upon another organism	

Symbiosis	Close relationship between 2+ different species that live in direct contact		
Mu	tualism	Commensalism	Parasitism
both species b	penefit from one	one species benefits, other	one species benefits, other harmed
another		unaffected	
anemone and	l clownfish	human eyelash and demodicids	hornworm caterpillar & braconid wasp
		Commensalism	Parasitism

Population Density and Distribution

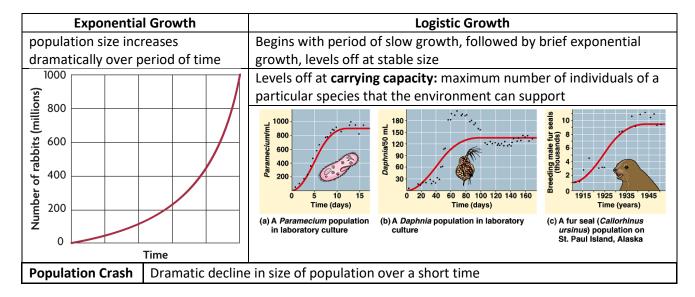
Population Density	Population Dispersion	Survivorship Curves
Number of individuals	How individuals in a population	Describes type of reproductive structure
that live in a defined	are spread in an area	Generalized diagram showing number of
area (# of organisms /		surviving members over time from
area)		measured set of births
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Population Growth

Factors Determining Population Size Immigration (increase size), births (increase), emigration	
	(decrease), deaths (decrease)

Limiting Factors	Factor with the greatest effect on keeping down size of population; 2 categories:	
Density-dependent	Affected by number of individuals in a given area: eg competition, predation,	
	parasitism and disease (spreads quickly in dense populations)	
Density-independent	Limit population growth regardless of density: eg unusual weather, natural	
	disasters, human activities	



Ecological Succession

Ecological succession	Sequence of changes that regenerate a damaged community or creates a new	
	community after a disturbance in an ecosystem	
Primary succession	Development of ecosystem in previously uninhabited areas, starting on bare rock	
	 pioneer species: first organisms to move into new area (ex: moss, lichens) 	
Secondary succession	Reestablishment of a damaged ecosystem, starts with soil left intact	
Dynamic process	Face of ecosystem is always changing in cycle of succession and catastrophe	