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Glossary:

Autogenic Succession: It is the type of succession in which one type of community is replaced by another due to the alteration of the environment by the communities themselves.

Allogenic Succession: It is the type of succession in which one type of community is replaced by another due to some external factors not the communities itself.

Biomass: standing crop of living organisms, in terms of weight, present at any given time in the environment.

Climax: it is the stable community developed in the process of succession that maintains itself over longer period in equilibrium with the prevailing environment conditions.

Ecological succession: A natural process by which different communities colonies the same re over a period of time in definite sequences.

Energy flow: It is the transfer of energy through one trophic level to other trophic levels in a food chain.

Pioneer Community: The first group of organisms either plants or animals which become established in such an area is termed as Pioneer community.

Primary succession: Succession on a previously unoccupied substrate is called primary succession.

Secondary succession: Succession which starts on a site previously occupied by a community is called secondary succession. For eg., Abandoned crop field or deforestation etc.

Sere: It is the complete sequence of communities in which one form replaces the other in a given area.