

Biogeography

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Introduction

Why do polar bears not eat penguins?

(Yes, they do not intersect but they are not so far from each other as many think. So why they did not meet?)

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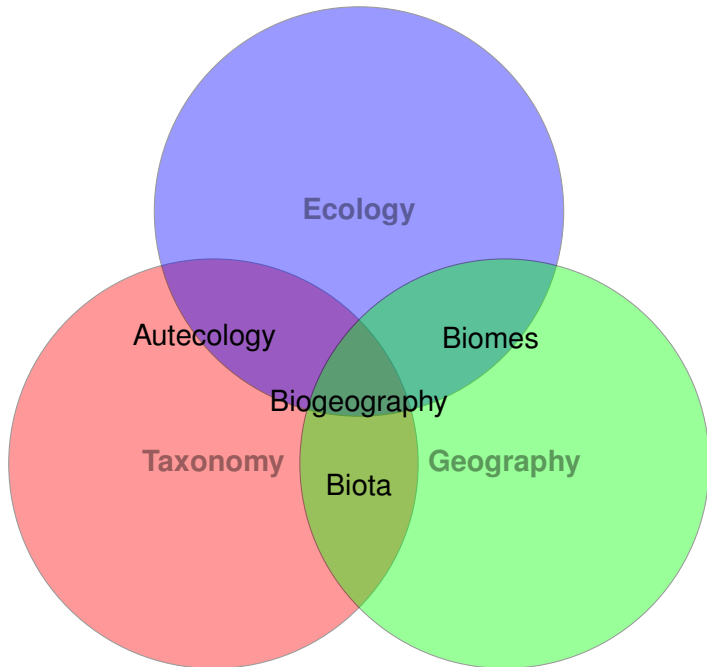
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What is biogeography?

Intersection between:

- ▶ Geography in wide sense (including climatology, landscape science, and even historical geology)
- ▶ Ecology (both of organisms and communities)
- ▶ Taxonomy (including phylogeny)

Contemporary biogeography always always takes into account the historical aspect.



My contributions to biogeography

- ▶ Island biogeography: small uprising islands of White Sea (Russian Arctic)
- ▶ Species biogeography: color polymorphism in Caucasian primroses
- ▶ Regional biogeography: flora of North Dakota

Around biogeography

- ▶ Geography + ecology + taxonomy = biogeography
- ▶ Geography + ecology = geographic ecology, Earth biomes
- ▶ Geography + taxonomy = floristics and faunistics
- ▶ Ecology + taxonomy = autecology, ecology of species

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Physical geography

- ▶ Geodesy, cartography and spatial science
- ▶ Climatology
- ▶ Palaeogeography
- ▶ Geomorphology
- ▶ Glaciology
- ▶ Hydrology and limnology
- ▶ Oceanography

Main parts of Earth: horizontal

- ▶ Continents and islands: Greenland criterion, Panama isthmus, isthmus of Suez, Europe-Asia border (Sea of Marmara – Black Sea – North Caucasus – Caspian Sea – River Ural – Ural mountains); Madagascar, Indonesian archipelago
- ▶ Oceans and seas: Arctic ocean criterion, different approaches, Tethys traces (Mediterranean, Marmara, Black, Caspian and Aral seas)
- ▶ Lakes and rivers: Great Lakes, Great African lakes, Baikal, Lake Eyre, Lake Chad
- ▶ Mountains and depressions: Himalayan ridge, Andes and Cordilleras, European ridges, Puerto Rico depression, Mariana trench
- ▶ Straits and currents: Gibraltar, Torres and Magellan straits; Gulf stream, Labrador and North Pacific current, equatorial currents, Antarctic circumpolar current

Summary

- ▶ Biogeography is an intersection between geography, ecology and taxonomy
- ▶ For biogeography, the most important geographical sciences are geodesy, climatology and palaeogeography.

For Further Reading



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