habitat

['hæbitæt] n

1. биол. родина, место распространения, ареал, среда обитания (растения, животного)

- 2. естественная среда
- 3. 1) этн. место рождения

the habitat of a tribe - территорияплемени

2) жилище; жилищные условия

4. спец. подводный дом (о морской лаборатории)

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habi-tat [habitat habitats] BrE ['hæbɪtæt] NAmE ['hæbɪtæt] noun countable, uncountable

the place where a particular type of animal or plant is normally found

- The panda's natural habitat is the bamboo forest.
- The marshes provide a rich habitat for water plants.
- the destruction of wildlife habitat

Word Origin:

late 18th cent .: from Latin, literally it dwells, from habitare 'possess inhabit' .

Thesaurus:

habitat noun C, U

• The tiger's natural habitat is the forest.

territory • • home • • environment • • haunt • a/an habitat/home/environment/haunt for sb/sth a breeding habitat/territory

a **native** habitat/home/environment

Collocations:

The environment

Environmental damage

cause/contribute to climate change/global warming

- produce pollution/CO2/greenhouse (gas) emissions
- damage /destroy the environment/a marine ecosystem /the ozone layer/coral reefs
- degrade ecosystems / habitats/the environment
- harm the environment/wildlife/marine life
- threaten natural habitats/coastal ecosystems /a species with extinction
- deplete natural resources/the ozone layer
- pollute rivers and lakes/waterways/the air/the atmosphere/the environment/oceans
- contaminate groundwater/the soil/food/crops
- log forests/rainforests/trees

Protecting the environment

address/combat/tackle the threat/effects/impact of climate change

- fight/take action on/reduce/stop global warming
- limit/curb/control air/water/atmospheric/environmental pollution
- cut/reduce pollution/greenhouse gas emissions
- offset carbon/CO2 emissions
- reduce (the size of) your carbon footprint
- achieve /promote sustainable development
- preserve/conserve biodiversity/natural resources
- protect endangered species/a coastal ecosystem
- prevent/stop soil erosion/overfishingmassive deforestation/damage to ecosystems
- raise awareness of environmental issues
- save the planet/the rainforests/an endangered species
- Energy and resources
- conserve/save/consume/waste energy
- manage /exploit /be rich in natural resources
- dump/dispose of hazardous/toxic/nuclear waste
- dispose of/throw away litter/(especially BrE) rubbish/(especially NAmE) garbage/(NAmE) trash/sewage
- use/be made from recycled/recyclable/biodegradable material
- recycle bottles/packaging/paper/plastic/waste
- promote/encourage recycling/sustainable development/the use of renewable energy
- develop / invest in/promote renewable energy
- reduce your dependence/reliance on fossil fuels
- get/obtain/generate /produce electricity from wind, solar and wave power/renewable sources
- build/develop a (50-megawatt/offshore) wind farm install/be fitted with/be powered by solar panels

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

- Many species are threatened in the wild due to habitat destruction by man.
- One of our objectives is to restore habitats for native species.
- Peat bogs are one of Europe's most threatened habitats.
- The bird's preferred habitat is grassy prairie.
- The forest provides a habitat for hundreds of species of plants and animals.
- The greatest danger to tigers now is through loss of habitat.
- The many different habitats support a wide variety of birds.
- The moorland is an important habitat for many rare bird species.
- Their preferred habitat is disappearing rapidly.
- These animals will lose their habitats by the flooding of the area.
- a decline in the amount of suitable habitat
- an agreement that preserved 2 500 acres of prime bear habitat
- · bird species that occupy forest habitats
- · her observations of wild chimps in their natural habitat
- new measures to protect wildlife habitats
- the animals and plants in this woodland habitat
- · Population growth is causing destruction of wildlife habitat throughout the world.
- The panda's natural habitat is the bamboo forest.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

hab itat /'hæbətæt, 'hæbɪtæt/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1700-1800, Language: Latin; Origin: 'it lives in a place', from habitare; ⇒ [†]habitation]

the natural home of a plant or animal:

- watching monkeys in their natural habitat
- The grassland is an important habitat for many wild flowers.

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + habitat

• sth's natural habitat (=the type of place where an animal or plant usually lives or grows) She studies gorillas in their natural habitat.

• sth's native habitat (=the particular place where an animal or plant lives or grows) Even in its native habitat, the plant is very rare.

• a wildlife habitat The land next to the harbour is perhaps the most threatened wildlife habitat in Britain.

• a woodland /wetland /grassland/marshland habitat (=a place in a wood, etc where animals and plants live or grow) The owl inhabits woodland habitats from Scotland to southern Spain.

• a coastal habitat (=a place near the coast where animals and plants live or grow) Dolphins are vulnerable to these poisons because of their coastal habitat.

• a marine habitat (=a place in the sea where animals and plants live and grow) Cuttlefish are found in marine habitats worldwide.

• an important habitat The island is an important habitat for exotic animals.

verbs

- damage /destroy a habitat Widening the road will uproot trees and damage wildlife habitat.

• provide a habitat (=be suitable and available as a home for particular animals or plants) Marshes provide the habitat of many species of wading birds.

• conserve/protect a habitat (=prevent it from changing or being damaged) These measures will protect the habitat of endangered species such as wolves.

• create a habitat The aim is to create a suitable breeding habitat for rare birds.

phrases

- loss of habitat Elephants are menaced by poaching and loss of habitat.

• the destruction of a habitat It is in south Texas that the destruction of the bird's habitat has been most alarming.

THESAURUS

• the environment the air, water, and land on Earth, which is affected by man's activities: We need to do more to protect the environment. | How much does air travel damage the environment?

ecosystem technical all the animals and plants that exist in a place, considered as a single system with parts that depend on each other: the island's fragile ecosystem | The rapid decline in the number of great sharks is disrupting the marine ecosystem.
habitat the natural home of an animal or plant: The tree can grow to be 120 feet tall in its natural habitat.

• the biosphere technical the Earth's surface and atmosphere where animals and plants can live: Scientists are monitoring changes in the global biosphere.

• ecology the scientific study of the way in which the animals, plants, and natural features of a place affect and depend on each other: She's studying marine ecology.

• green adjective [only before noun] relating to the environment or to protecting the environment: Voters are becoming more concerned about green issues. | The party is keen to demonstrate its green credentials (=show that it thinks the environment is important).

• eco- prefix relating to the environment and protecting the environment: eco-friendly products (=which do not harm the environment) | eco-tourism (=which does not harm the environment) | eco-warrior (=someone who protests to try to save the environment) | eco-sensitive land (=where the environment is easily damaged)

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