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Tropical seasonal forest biome

Tropical Seasonal ForestClimate: Temperature: 20-25 °CAverage Rainfall: >200cm Seasons: Dry season and wet season. Rain in summer dry in WinterMelissa Kronser & Callie DorseyPlants: Mosses, Orchids, Loof and Evergreen Trees.Location: Africa, Asia, Australia, South and Central America, found specifically in Mexico and IndiaDieren: Tigers, mountain lions, bobcats, ocelots, Coyotes, Merriam's Kangaroo Rats.Some animals are nocturnal animals so they can get their food at night if it is cooler. Some animals also have a coat that allows them to blend into the environment during the dry season. In general, trees tend to drop their leaves to save water. Plants will grow in places that allow them to get more sunlight and water (as in the air as an orchid)Tropical dry forests of the PacificCitations:Communities, Biomes, and Ecosystems: Terrestrial Biomes. Biggs, Alton. Biology: The dynamics of life. New York, NY: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2002. 71. Print. Orchid. Britannica School. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc., 2014. Web. 4 Jun. . Monsoon Forest. Britannica School. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc., 2014. Web. 4 Jun. . Seasonal tropical forest, also known as moist deciduous and semi-evergreen seasonal, tropical mixed or monsoon[1] forests, usually contain a range of tree species: only a few of which drop some or all of their leaves during the dry season. This tropical forest is classified under the Walter system as (ii) tropical climate with high total rainfall (usually in the range of 1000-2500 mm; 39-98 inches) concentrated in the wet summer season and cooler winter dry season: represent a range of habitats affected by monsoon (Am) or tropical wet savannah (Aw) climates (as in the Köppen climate classification). Drier forests in the Aw climate zone are usually deciduous and placed in tropical dry forest biome: with further transition zones (ecotons) of savannah forest than tropical and subtropical grasslands, savannahs, and scrubland. Tropical seasonal climate sub-types: Am-Tropical monsoon climate. Aw-Tropical savannah climate. (note: Off in light green is tropical rainforest) Distribution Main Article: Global 200 § Tropical and subtropical moist deciduous forests Trees at Cat Tien National Park: with seasonal forest structure in the early dry season (December) Seasonal (mixed) tropical forests are found in many parts of the tropical zone,[10 2] with examples found in: In the Atlantic forests of America of Brazil Central and eastern Panama: with Barro Colorado Island particularly well studied [3] In Africa Coastal West Africa: Guinean seasonal forest: from south-western Gambia to eastern Ghana Madagascar lowland forests In the Asia-Pacific region: forests pre prevalentinate across large areas of the Indian subcontinent and Indochina Brahmaputra Valley semi-evergreen forests Eastern Eastern Province, Cambodia Cat Tien National Park, Vietnam Khao Yai National Park and Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuary, Thailand North Australia: Queensland Emergent tree rises above the main canopy in Khao Yai National Park forest Climate The climate of seasonal forests is usually controlled by a system called (ITCZ) located near the equator and created by the convergence of trade winds of the northern and southern hemispheres. The position of these tires vary by season, to the north in the northern summer and south in the northern winter, and eventually control the wet and dry seasons in the tropics. [4] These regions seem to have experienced strong warming, at an average rate of 0.26 degrees Celsius per decade, resulting with a global rise in temperature resulting from the anthropocentric inputs of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Studies have also shown that precipitation has decreased and tropical Asia has experienced an increase in dry season intensity, while Amazon has not experienced a significant pattern change in precipitation or dry season. [5] In addition, El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events drive interannual climatic variability in temperature and precipitation and result in drought and increased intensity of the dry season. As anthropogenic warming increases, the intensity and frequency of ENSO will increase, making tropical rainforest areas susceptible to stress and increased mortality of trees and other plants. [5] Start dates and prevailing wind currents of the southwest summer monsoon. Structure As with tropical rainforests, there are several canopies, but these can be less pronounced in mixed forests, which are often characterized by numerous lianas because of their growth advantage during the dry season. [6] The informal term jungle (Forest) originally derived from Sanskrit, has no specific ecological meaning but originally referred to this type of primary and above all secondary forest in the Indian subcontinent. Determining which stands of mixed forest are primary and secondary can be problematic, as the species mixture is influenced by factors such as soil depth and climate, as well as human interference. Characteristic biology The fauna and flora of seasonal tropical mixed forests are usually distinctive. Examples of biodiversity

and habitat type are often well described for national parks in: Africa represented by: the northern part of Korup National Park in Cameroon (central region) Falling Waters in KORUP National Park the Upper Guinean Forests (West Africa) Asia represented by Cat Tien National Park and Huai Kha Khaeng in the (Indochina region) Pacific region: including the Queensland Central American wildlife is well represented in : Costa Rica e.g. Corcovado National Park the Soberania National Park in Panama. South American flora listed and represented in Rio Doce Doce Park references ^ Mongbay: Species of Tropical Forest (accessed on March 21, 2017) ^ Biome Explorer (opened March 21, 2017) ^ Leigh EG, Rand AS, Windsor DM (Eds. 1983) The ecology of a tropical forest. Seasonal rhythms and long-term changes. Oxford University Press 468 pp. ^ NWS JetStream - Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone. Srh.noaa.gov (January 5, 2010). Picked up on March 28, 2013. ^ a b Malhi, Yadvinder & Wright, James (2004). 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They include semi-green, semideciduous, and deciduous tree-dominated communities that more or less occur along an environmental gradient of increasing aridity, although soil conditions also play a role in some habitats. The main reaction to aridity is dropping leaves during the dry season. With an increase in the length of the dry season, the frequency of the deciduous habit increases in plants. The driest limits of the biome are characterized by a thorn scrub in which evergreen species and juicy species become commonplace. Scientific study of the seasonal and dry forests of the tropics has been largely neglected until recently due in part to overwhelming interest in the towering, species-rich tropical rainforests. Much of the biome has already been destroyed; and the remaining seasonal forests, forests and thorns scrub are vulnerable to loss due to growing agriculture and dense human settlement, sometimes over millennia. In Central America, such dry forests are the most endangered of all lowland forest species. Climate: Seasonal dry tropical forests generally occur in the same tropical wet and dry climate type (Koeppen's Aw) associated with tropical savannas. In Asia, the forest areas are under the influence of the monsoon, A long dry season lasts from November to April in the tropical monsoon climate type (Am). Evergreen seasonal usually receive 98 in or more rain per year, but experience a dry period of 6 or more consecutive months with less than 4 in. Dry forests in which most trees trees their leaves in the dry season received 32-71 in of rain a year, with 5 consecutive months averaging less than 4 inches each. Monthly temperatures are above 64.4° F throughout the year: The geographical variability in the forests, forests and thorn crumbs that encompass this biome make generalizations difficult. Most have closed canopies that are deciduous during the dry season. Importantly, the closed canopy grasses and thus burning-factors that distinguish them from the tropical savannahs that occur in the same climate regions suppresses. Forest classified as dry evergreen or semi-green have three tree layers, only the upper one becomes deciduous. In fact, the upper or A layer contains trees so widely distributed that essentially only two layers exist and both are evergreen. Trees differ from tropical rainforest species during that time they have smaller, thicker leaves with leathery texture and thick cuticles. Bark can be thin, but usually thicker than on rainforest trees. Forests considered semidemic or deciduous usually have only two tree layers. In the first, the top layer is deciduous and the lower evergreen. In the latter, both layers contain only deciduous trees; the leafless season and the often thin canopy can provide a dense under story and discontinuous base layer of forbs and grasses. In Central and South America (where most studies are accessible to English-speaking readers), this biome is said to have a very high species richness with as many and possibly more plant species than the Amazon rainforest. Growth forms: Seasonal dry tropical forests often have far fewer epiphytes than tropical rainforests, but lianas and other woody plants can be abundant and often share dominance with tree species. Epiphytes in the American forests are often cacti and bromeliads. Flowers from trees are often large and brightly colored, and seeds are wind-scattered. Flowering usually happens at the beginning of the dry season, especially with bird pollination. Insect pollinators bloom during the wet season. Cauliflory occurs on trees such as figs dependent on bats and larger animals (e.g. monkeys) to spread their seeds. Large trees that store water in their trunks can be found in many dry forests around the world. These include baobabs in Africa and Madagascar and related Ceibas and Cavanillesias (Brazilian bottle trees or barriudas) in South America. In drier areas where forests and forests are of low stature, succulents are striking elements of vegetation. In America these are cacti and some earthy bromeliads; in Africa these are euphoria. Xerophytic palms can be common in the under story. Soils: No soil type is with tropical seasonal forests and forests. In Africa, soils are often infertile and acidic, iron-rich or oxisolon developed on plateau surfaces. In America, dry forests generally appear more fertile and acidic on soils than those that support tropical savannas. In Asia, the soils are mostly ultisols. Fauna: Animal diversity in high in seasonal dry forests, second only to tropical rainforests. Mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians are all well represented. Ants and termites are also very diverse. Among mammals are a number of primates, some large rodents in the Neotropics, and such insectivorous animals as anteaters and armadillos (America), pangolins and aardvarks (Africa), and certain lemurs (Madagascar). Sloths (Americas) and langurs (Asia) have developed ways to consist of diets of leaves. Big cats such as jaguars (America) and tigers (Asia) inhabit some of these forests, as do smaller carnivores such as fossa (Madagascar) and mongooses (Asia). Large herbivores such as elephants and rhinos forage and seek shelter in seasonal forests in Africa and Asia. Adaptations that allow animals to thrive in these highly seasonal environments include local and regional migrations, seasonal storage of fat or food, changes in diet, and changes in activity patterns and reproductive timing. Distribution: Seasonal forests are generally found flanking tropical rainforests poleward to about 20° latitude. In South America they occur in the south and southwest of the Amazon, including Cocha Cashu in Manu Parque Nacional in Peru. The Chiquitania region in eastern Bolivia, which extends to Brazil's pantanal, has mostly semideciduous forest. Dry Andean valleys also support seasonal forests. The largest blocks of seasonal forest are found in northeastern Brazil (De Caatinga) and in the Gran Chaco in Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay. In North and Central America, dry forests extend along the west coast of Chamela, Mexico, (19° N) to Parque Nacional Santa Rosa (11° N) in Costa Rica. Seasonal forest stretches from Barro Colorado Island, Panama (9 °N) north of Belize (18° N). Dry forests also occur in the Great Antilles. In Africa, seasonal forests occur around Makokou, Gabon; in Korup National Park, Cameroon; and in the Ituri Forest, Democratic Republic of Congo. The coastal forests of Ghana, Ivory Coast and Liberia are also seasonal. Dry forest is the natural vegetation of western Madagascar at altitudes above 3,330 ft asl. Endemism is high among plants and animals at species, sex and family level. Seven species of baobab unique to the island are found in this forest, as do eight species of lemur. The highly endangered Angonoka turtle is limited to this rapidly disappearing forest type, of which an estimated 97 percent is lost to make fire and clearing for shifting agriculture, livestock farming, firewood production and charcoal. In Asia, evergreen seasonal forest can be found in the Western Ghats of India between 13°-15° N, as well as well as on the Deccan Plateau and parts of Bangladesh. In Southeast Asia, tropical seasonal forest is common in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. A deciduous seasonal forest stretches from about the Thailand-Malaysian border to the Isthms of Kra. Most of Lowland Java was once covered with seasonal forest. Although tree-dominated, the seasonally dry diptocarp forests of continental Southeast Asia and the miombo or Brachystegia forests of southern Africa are considered savannahs because their open canopies result in continuous grass layers that support regular fires. Burn.

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