

P.4 SST WEEK4CLASS WORK

Monday 29th June, 2020.

VEGETATION IN OUR DISTRICT

Vegetation is the plant life cover on the earth's surface

Examples of vegetation

- Forests
- Swamps
- Grasslands
- Crops
- Flowers
- Shrubs

Types of vegetation

There are two types of vegetation

- Natural vegetation
- Planted vegetation

NATURAL VEGETATION

This is the plant cover that grows on its own.

Examples of natural vegetation

- Natural forests
- grasslands
- swamps
- Shrubs

PLANTED VEGETATION

This is the plant cover that is planted by man.

Examples of planted vegetation

- Planted forests
- Crops
- Flowers
- Planted grass

Activity

1. What is vegetation?
2. State any two examples of vegetation.
3. What type of vegetation is planted by people?
4. Give two examples of natural vegetation.
5. What is natural vegetation?

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FORESTS

A forest is a group of trees growing together

Types of forests

- 1. Natural forests**
- 2. Planted forests**

NATURAL FORESTS

These are groups of trees that grow by themselves.

Characteristics of natural forests.

- They take long to mature.
- Trees have different species.
- Trees mature at different times.
- Trees grow very tall.
- Trees form a canopy.
- They have a thick undergrowth.
- They produce hard wood.

Examples of natural forests in Uganda

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| 1. Mabira forest | - | Mukono district |
| 2. Bugoma forest | - | Hoima district |
| 3. Bwindi Impenetrable forest | - | Kabale |
| 4. Budongo forest | - | Masindi district |
| 5. Maramagambo forest | - | Mbarara/Bushenyi |
| 6. Mt.Elgon forest | - | Mbale district |
| 7. Marabigambo forest | - | Rakai district |
| 8. Kibale district | - | Kabarole district |
| 9. Ssese island forest | - | Kalangla district |

Note: -We get hardwood from natural forests

-Budongo forest is the largest natural forest in Uganda.

Examples of trees found in natural forests

- Mahogany
- Mvule
- African Walnut
- Teak
- Ebony

The above trees give us hard wood which is used for making timber and for building

Activity

1. What is a forest?
2. What are natural forests?
3. State any two characteristics of natural forests.
4. Name the largest natural forest in Uganda.
5. Which type of wood is produced by natural forests?

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PLANTED FORESTS

These are forests which are planted by man.

Characteristics of planted forests

- Trees are planted in rows
- Trees mature very fast
- Trees have soft wood.
- Trees mature at the same time.
- Trees are of the same species.

Examples of planted forests in Uganda,

Lendu - Nebbi district
Mafuga - Rukungiri district
Katuugo - Nakasongola district
Nabyeya - Masindi district
Bugamba forest - Mbarara district

Note. -We get soft wood from planted forests.

-Lendu forest is the biggest planted forest in Uganda.

Uses of soft wood

- It is used for making paper
- For making match boxes
- For making ply wood
- For making some musical instruments

Examples of trees that grow in planted forests

- Eucalyptus,
- Cypress,
- Pine,
- Cedar

Activity

1. What are planted forests?
2. State two characteristics of planted forests.
3. Name the biggest planted forest in Uganda.
4. Which type of wood is got from planted forests?
5. Identify any two tree species that grow in planted forests.

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USES OF FORESTS

- Forests help in rainfall formation
- They are a source of timber
- Forests provide us with both animal and plant food
- They are homes of some wild animals
- Forests attract tourists
- They control soil erosion
- Forests provide raw materials for hand crafts
- They also help in preserving water in the soil
- They are a source of herbs to people
- We get fuel

Dangers of forests

- Forests are habitats for dangerous wild animals
- They are hide out places for wrong people

Problems facing forests

- People carry out deforestation
- People burn bushes and fire destroys forests
- People carry out lumbering

What is deforestation?

This is the massive cutting down of trees.

Why do people cut down forests.

- People cut down forests for timber
- To get land for settlement
- To get land for agriculture/farming
- To get land for industrialization

Activity

1. Give three importance of forests to man.
2. How do animals benefit from forests?
3. State one importance of forests to a carpenter.
4. State one danger of living near forests.
5. Give two reasons why people cut down trees.

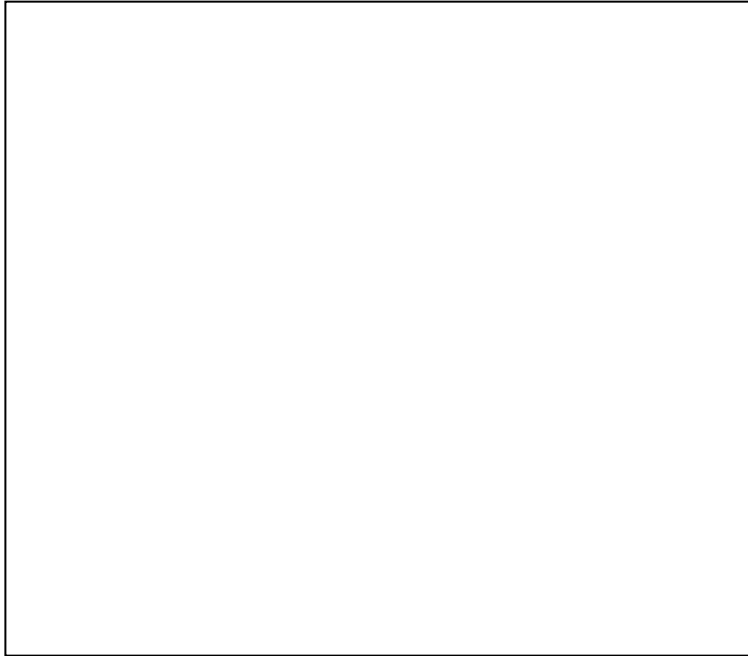
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Care for forests

- Encourage people to plant trees (afforestation)
- People should plant trees where they have been cut (reforestation)
- Farmers should plant trees together with crops (agro forestry)

- We should always report those who cut down trees
- People should stop bush burning

A map showing forests in Uganda



Activity

1. Give two ways of caring for forests,
2. Define the following;
 - a) Afforestation
 - b) Re-afforestation
 - c) Agroforestry