Ecology Review Worksheet

Decreases	Energy as you move up a food web from producers to consumers
Bacteria	Type of organism that carries out nitrogen fixation
Climax Community	The stable ecosystem that develops due to succession
Limiting Factor	biotic or abiotic resource in the environment that limits population size
Water	sulfur oxides and nitric oxides react with to form acid rain.
Density-Dependent	competition and disease are examples of limiting factor.
Producer/Autotroph	An organism that makes its own food
Density-Independent	natural disaster is an example of alimiting factor.
CFCs	The major cause of ozone depletion
Global Warming	Increase in Earths temperature from buildup of CO ₂ and other gases in atmosphere
Carrying Capacity	the number of organisms an environment can support over a long time
Exponential Growth	as a population gets larger, it also grows faster
Death Rate	population growth is determined by birth rate and
Consumer/Heterotroph An organism that cannot make its own food.	
Decomposer	Organisms that break down and feed on wastes and dead organisms
Greenhouse Effect	the reason the earth's average global temperature is 53 degrees rather than zero degrees.
Habitat Degredation	damage to a habitat by pollution
Immigration	when organisms move into an area from another area.
Habitat Loss	The greatest threat to biodiversity today
Emmigration	when organisms move out of the population they were born in
Biosphere	The part of Earth in which all living things exist is called the
Edge Effect	the different conditions around the boundaries of an ecosystem, this is greater in smaller islands than in larger islands
Endangered	a species that is near extinction.