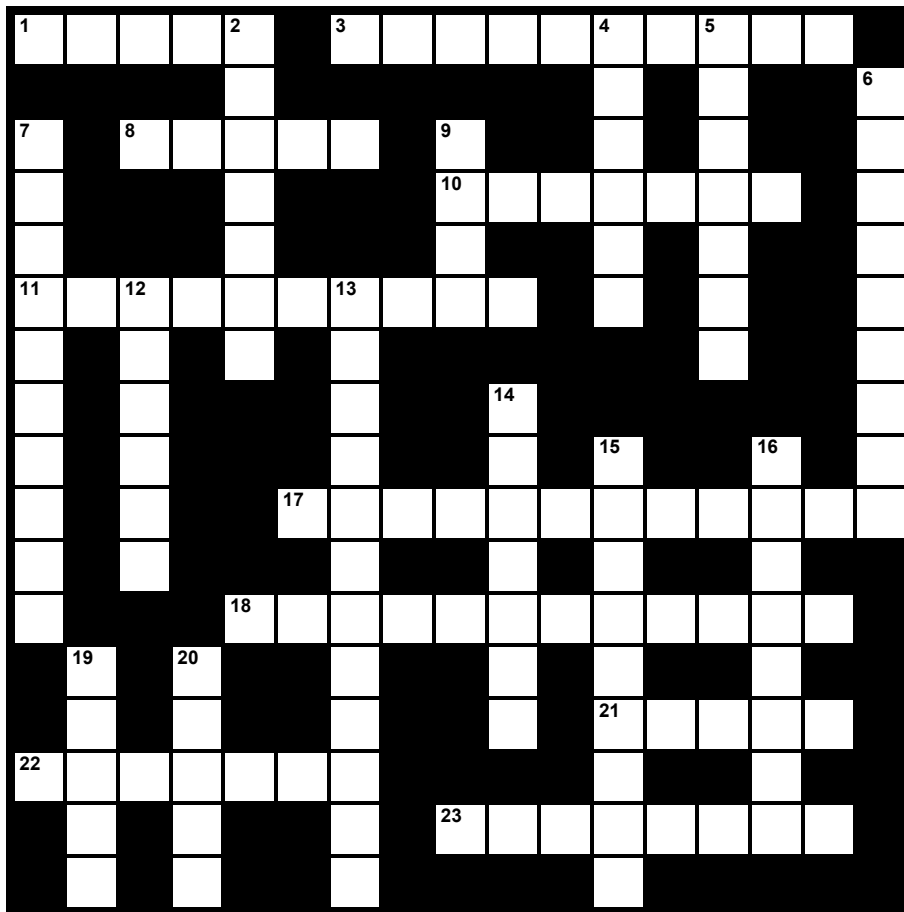


Ecosystem - 17 x 17



Across

- 1 A major biotic community characterized by the dominant forms of plant life and the prevailing climate. (5)
- 3 A group of organisms of the same species populating a given area. (10)
- 8 All of the plants found in a given area. (5)
- 10 Restricted to a specified region or locality. (7)
- 11 a taxonomic group that is a division of a species; usually arises as a consequence of geographical isolation within a species. (10)
- 17 The preservation and

careful management of the environment and of natural resources. (12)

- 18 A group of organisms occupying the same position in a food chain. (7,5)
- 21 Animal or plant group having natural relations. (5)
- 22 The type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives or occurs. (7)
- 23 Practice of classifying plants and animals according to their presumed natural relationships. (8)

Down

- 2 A subdivision of an ecospecies consisting of populations adapted to a specific set of environmental conditions. (7)
- 4 Any of several forms of the same gene. (6)
- 5 In an artificial environment outside the living organism. (2,5)
- 6 A community of organisms where each member is eaten in turn by another member. (4,5)
- 7 The common people at a local level (as distinguished from the centers of political activity). (10)
- 9 The functional unit of heredity. (4)

- 12 Of or relating to living organisms. (6)
- 13 Growing or occurring in many parts of the world. (12)
- 14 taxonomic group whose members can interbreed. (7)
- 15 The sequence of events involved in the evolutionary development of a species or taxonomic group of organisms (9)
- 16 The characteristic bodily form of a mature organism. (4,4)
- 19 A taxonomic group containing one or more orders. (5)
- 20 A group of organisms that live on a common food resource. (5)