

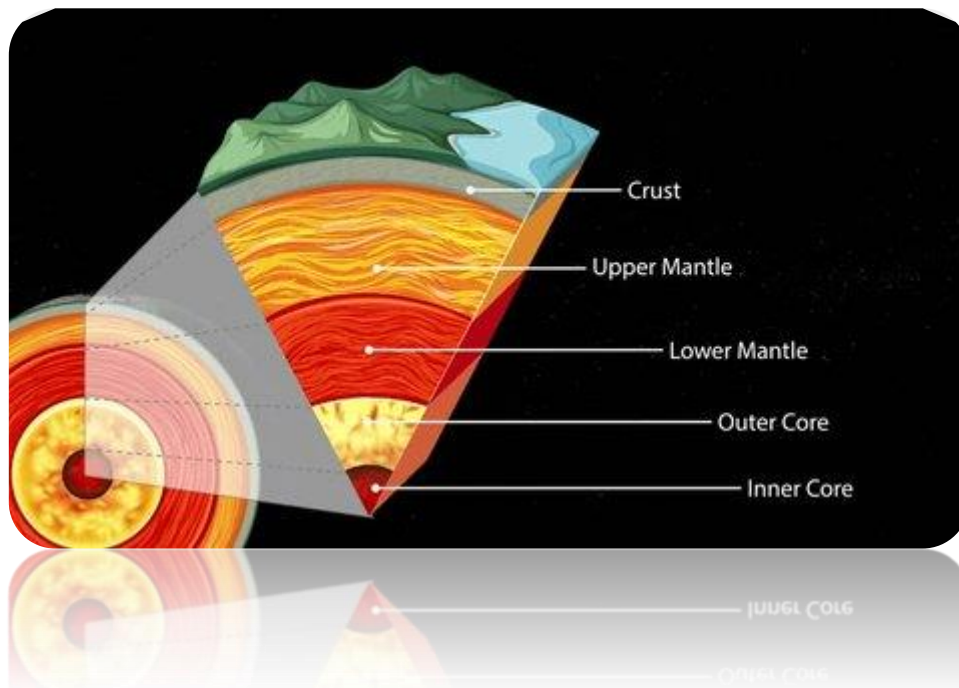
Segments of Environment

1. Atmosphere
2. Hydrosphere
3. Lithosphere
4. Biosphere

Atmosphere: A blanket of gas is called an atmosphere surrounds the earth and protects the surface of earth from harmful UV rays. It also regulates temperature preventing the earth from becoming too hot or too cold. The atmosphere is composed of mainly Nitrogen and Oxygen and other traces of gases.

Hydrosphere: It comprises all types of water resources oceans, lakes, rivers, glaciers, and ground water. Ocean represents 97% of the earth's water and about 2% of water is locked in the icecaps and glaciers. Only about 1% is available as fresh water that is in form of rivers, lakes, and ground water.

Lithosphere: The solid component of earth is called lithosphere which includes soil, rocks, and mountains. It consists of crust and upper mantle.



Biosphere: This segment of environment consists of atmosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere which influence and support the entire biotic and abiotic life system.