

① Introduction to Environment

- The word environment comes from French word 'environ' means surround.
- "It is defined as the conditions of air, water, land and other things surrounding of us".
- Environment has two parts.

✓ ① Biotic Part: It is made with all living organisms like -
- Plants - animals - birds - micro-organism.

✓ ② Abiotic Part: It includes non-living components of environments
- light, air, water - temperature, humidity.

→ Biotic & Abiotic components of an environment are together known as "Biome environment"

→ Environment has basic two categories.

① Natural environment

→ Gifted by God and operated by God.

→ It has 4 components.

A. Biosphere : Space occupied by life.

B. Atmosphere : Space occupied by air.

C. Lithosphere : Space occupied by soil.

D. Hydrosphere : Space occupied by water.

② Man-made environment

→ Created by man by modifying natural environment as per need.

E.g.:- Dam

- road

- industries

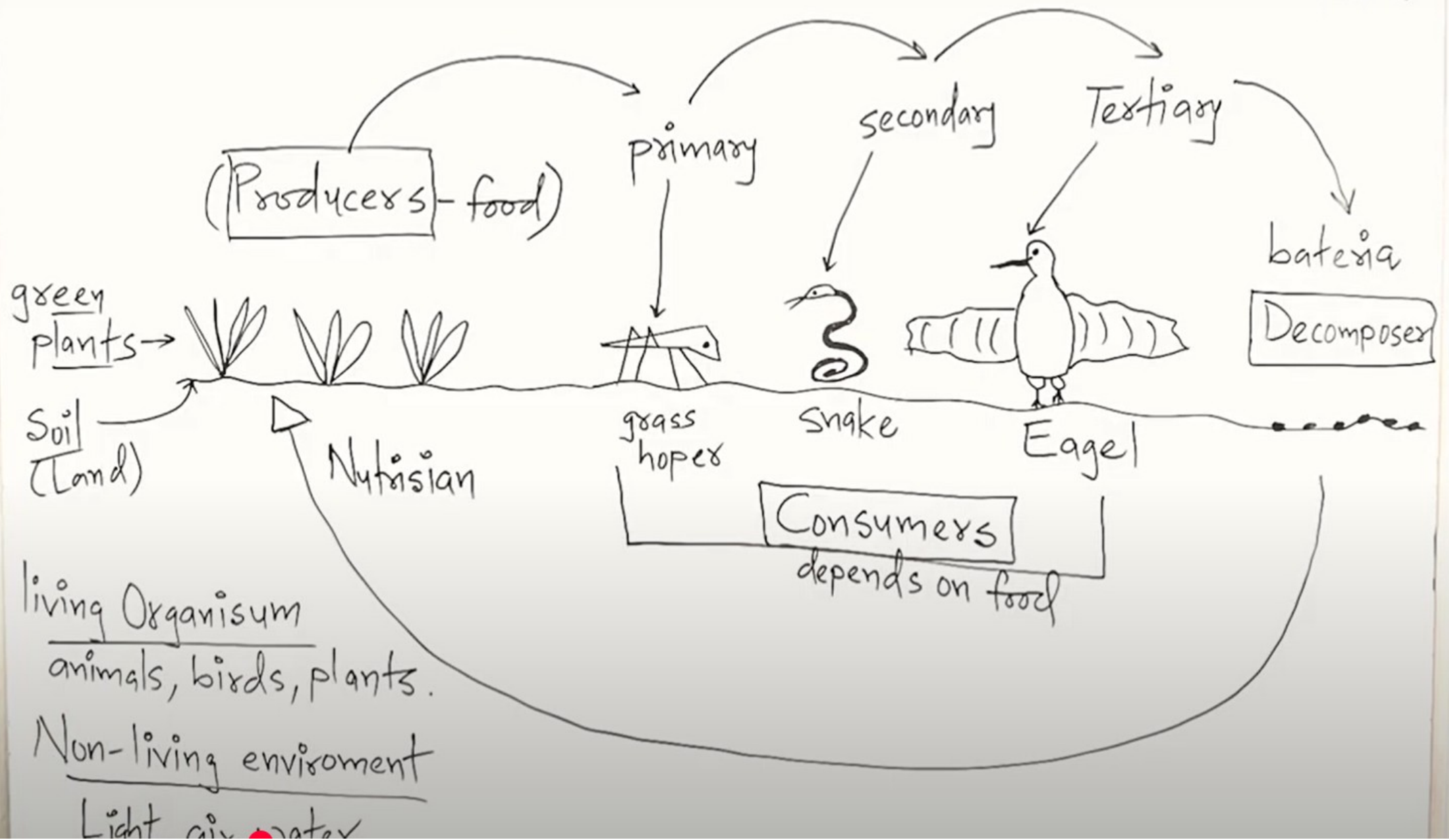
- Canals

- Power plant

- buildings etc.

Ecology (Science)

Eco-System (Geographical Area)



Ecology.

→ "It is a science which deals with the study of relationship of living organism with each other & their with non living environment".

Ecosystem:

→ It is a geographical area, where living organism interact with each other and with non-living environment

e.g Plant ↔ human
(living) (living) → to get oxygen.

Soil ↔ plant
(non-living) (living) → plant depends on soil

Types of Eco-system

① Natural Ecosystem

- Forest ecosystem
- Pond ecosystem
- Desert ecosystem

② Artificial Ecosystem

- Aquarium Ecosystem
- Agriculture field
- Zoo Ecosystem.

✓ Ecosystem has 3 types of organisms.

Producers:

- The organisms which create food. - Green plants, some bacteria.

Consumers:

- The organisms which depend on food on others (Producers).

A. Primary Consumers → Grass hopper eats grass.

B. Secondary consumers → Snake eats Grass hopper.

C. Tertiary Consumers → Eagle eats Snake.

Decomposers:

- When consumers die then bacteria will decompose it in soil.

→ Again Green plants will depend on soil to create food called producers.

→ Which is used by consumers and when they die, decomposers will decompose them & cycle will be repeated called ecosystem.

Environmental Science:

"It is a scientific study of earth, air, water, and living organisms with their impact on environment."

Environmental Engineering:

"By applying engineering concepts, how to protect and enhance the quality of environment for public health and public welfare".

e.g.:

- ① Air pollution control equipments, → To protect environment.
- ② Water treatment plants. → For public health & welfare.

#) Environmental studies:

→ The main points of environmental studies are:

- ① To create awareness among people about the natural resources and their uses.
- ② To study environment pollutions & their control.
- ③ To study human pollution on environment.
- ④ To study causes of flood, earth quake, landslide, cyclones, etc.
- ⑤ To make appropriate judgments and decisions for the protection and improvement of earth.

Importance of Environmental Science for different engineering disciplines.

① Civil Engineering

- Water resource, water treatment.
- Waste water treatment plants.
- Water pollution and control.
- Air pollution and control.
- Land and noise pollution control.
- Recycle and Reuse.
- Environmental impact assessment.

② Chemical Engineering

- Focus on environmental chemistry.
- Air & water treatment and its separation process.

③ Mechanical Engineering:

- Designing of machines for water treatment plants like pumping stations and filters.
- Designing of vehicles which emits less carbon.

④ Electronics & Electrical Engineering:

- To develop devices which monitor, measure and control the environmental impact.
- Monitoring & managing energy generation and its usage.

⑤ Agriculture Engineering:

- Water quality protection.
- Air pollution prevention.
- Soil protection.
- Waste management.