Ecosystem Services Vocabulary and Phrases

Directions: Find the definitions of the following terms in your textbook. **DO NOT** just Google the terms.

| Vocabulary term or phrase | Definition |
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| Ecosystem services | Are the benefits humans receive from ecosystems. |
| Ecology | Is the study of how organisms interact with the environment. |
| What is cultural service and describe a example | Cultural services include recreation services. An example is the non-material benefits people obtain from ecosystems through spiritual enrichment. |
| What is provisional service and describe a example | The products obtained from ecosystems. Including, for example, genetic resources, food and fiber, and freshwater. |
| What is regulatory service and describe a example | A regulatory service is benefits humans receive from natural processes are regulatory services. They are often invisible and therefore mostly taken for granted. |
| What is supporting service and describe a example | A supporting service is the most important ecosystem services are the ones that support all the processes in nature. An example of that is biomass production, production of atmospheric oxygen, soil formation and retention, nutrient cycling, water cycling, and provisioning of habitat. |
| What factors impact ecosystem services? | Cultural, provisional, regulatory, and supporting services. |
| Human activities | Are the various actions for recreation, living, or necessity done by people. |
| Conservation | The practice of using less of a resource so that it can last longer. |
| Sustainability | Is the ability of an ecosystem to maintain biodiversity and production indefinitely. |
| Regulation | Protects areas that can be difficult to enforce without monitors. |
| Ecological restoration | Is the practice of helping a degraded or destroyed ecosystem recover from damage. |