



Island Ecology

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Alphascript Publishing Feb 2010, 2010. Taschenbuch. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Island ecology is the study of island organisms and their interactions with each other and the environment. Islands account for nearly 1/6 of earth's total land area, yet the ecology of island ecosystems is vastly different from that of mainland communities. Their isolation and high availability of empty niches leads to increased speciation. As a result, island ecosystems comprise 30% of the world's biodiversity hotspots, 50% of marine tropical diversity, and some of the most unique and rare species. Many species still remain unknown. The diversity of species on islands is highly impacted by human activities such as deforestation and introduction of exotic species. In response, ecologists and managers are directing attention towards conservation and restoration of island species. Because they are simple systems, islands provide an opportunity to study processes of extinction that can be extrapolated to larger ecosystems. 96 pp. Englisch.

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