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| 1. **Species** - a kind of organism
2. **Population** – all the members of one species in an environment
3. **Increasing** – to become larger in number
4. **Decreasing** - to become smaller in number
5. **Exotic species** - species that are new to an environment
6. **Invasive species** - an exotic species that cannot be easily controlled
7. **Pollution** - what happens when harmful materials get into the air, land, or water
8. **Thriving** - when an organism is not in danger of dying out
9. **Threatened -** when an organism may become rare in the near future
10. **Endangered** - when there are only a few living members of the species left
11. **Extinct -** when there are no members of the species left alive
12. **Fossil** - remains of organisms that lived long ago
13. **Humus** - broken-down plant and animal material that contains lots of nutrients
14. **Erosion** – the wearing away and removal of rock and soil
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