



20. Map of Life

Requirements: internet access; access to map of world with countries labelled

7 – 11 years: teacher-led

12 – 14 years: individually or in pairs

Curriculum: Science (animals and their habitats, classification); Global Citizenship; Computing (responsible online use)

Time: 20 minutes

Biodiversity means the wide variety of all living things on Earth, including every plant, animal, insect, and tiny microorganism. [Use this map to explore biodiversity patterns.](#)

Select global richness species of butterflies from menu and toggle button. Name some countries where you would find a higher diversity of butterfly species. Name some countries where you would find a lower diversity of butterfly species.

Causes of the decline of butterflies are thought to be similar across the world due to:

Habitat loss and degradation (including grassland abandonment and lack of woodland management)

Chemical pollution in the form of pesticides and herbicides

Climate change