

## Exploring the Mediterranean Forests

The Mediterranean is one of the most important regions in the world for its forests. These forests are situated in an area between the European, African and Asian continents and are very important for their biodiversity features - plants and animals.

But the Mediterranean forests are under threat. One of the most serious threats is fires. This has caused serious problems in the area during the last few decades. Other general threats to the Mediterranean forests are:

- Climate change
- Droughts and floodings
- Extensive building development
- Atmospheric pollution

A. Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the correct words.

1. Mediterranean forests are located between the \_\_\_\_\_ continents.
2. One of the major threats to these forests is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The biodiversity of Mediterranean forests includes various species of plants and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Fires have been a serious problem for the Mediterranean forests in the last few \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Climate change, droughts, and floodings are also threats to the Mediterranean \_\_\_\_\_.

Word bank: European, African, Asian, animals, decades

B. Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. What is one of the main threats to Mediterranean forests?  
A) Urbanization - αστικοποίηση  
B) Deforestation - αποψίλωση -αποδάσωση  
C) Fires  
D) Pollution - μόλυνση

2. The biodiversity of Mediterranean forests refers to:
  - A) Only plants
  - B) Only animals
  - C) Plants and animals
  - D) Only insects
3. Which of the following is NOT a threat to Mediterranean forests?
  - A) Extensive building development
  - B) Atmospheric pollution
  - C) Preservation efforts
  - D) Climate change
4. Fires have caused serious problems in the area over the last few:
  - A) Months
  - B) Years
  - C) Decades
  - D) Centuries
5. Climate change, droughts, and floodings are examples of:
  - A) Benefits to forests
  - B) Indoor factors
  - C) Threats to forests
  - D) Soil preservation methods

C. Open Ended Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why are Mediterranean forests important for biodiversity?
2. What are some specific threats faced by Mediterranean forests?
3. How can individuals help protect the Mediterranean forests?

Answer Key:

1. European
2. Fires
3. animals
4. decades
5. forests

Multiple Choice: 1) C, 2) C, 3) C, 4) C, 5) C

### Open Ended Questions:

1. Mediterranean forests are important for biodiversity because they contain a variety of plant and animal species, contributing to the overall ecological balance.
2. Some specific threats faced by Mediterranean forests include fires, climate change, droughts, floodings, extensive building development, and atmospheric pollution.
3. Individuals can help protect the Mediterranean forests by promoting sustainable practices, participating in reforestation efforts, and raising awareness about environmental conservation.