# Global Geography: Nature and Biota

World Geography · Practice Test · 15 Questions

**1. Which archipelago, located in the Indian Ocean, is the only place on Earth where the Coco de Mer palm (Lodoicea maldivica) grows naturally?**

A) Seychelles
B) Maldives
C) Comoros
D) Mauritius

**2. The 'Great Green Wall' is an ambitious environmental project primarily designed to combat desertification in which African region?**

A) The Kalahari
B) The Sahel
C) The Maghreb
D) The Horn of Africa

**3. Which of these rivers is considered the world's largest by volume of water discharged, accounting for approximately 20% of global riverine discharge into the oceans?**

A) Congo River
B) Ganges River
C) Amazon River
D) Yangtze River

**4. What is the primary factor that causes the 'Green Flash' phenomenon often observed at sunset in clear coastal environments?**

A) Bioluminescent plankton
B) Atmospheric refraction
C) Reflection off salt crystals
D) Volcanic aerosol scattering

**5. The endemic 'Dragon Blood Tree' (Dracaena cinnabari) is most famously associated with which island, known for its extreme biodiversity?**

A) Socotra
B) Madagascar
C) Galapagos
D) Tasmania

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**6. In which country would you find the Danakil Depression, one of the hottest and lowest places on the Earth's surface?**

A) Djibouti
B) Eritrea
C) Ethiopia
D) Somalia

**7. The world's largest temperate rainforest ecosystem is found along the coast of which region?**

A) Patagonia
B) Pacific Northwest of North America
C) South Island of New Zealand
D) Tasmania

**8. Which high-altitude lake, situated on the border between Peru and Bolivia, is the highest navigable lake in the world?**

A) Lake Titicaca
B) Lake Poopo
C) Lake Junin
D) Lake Tana

**9. Which species of mammal is endemic to the island of Sulawesi and is considered the world's only living member of the genus Babyrousa?**

A) Anoa
B) Babirusa
C) Tarsier
D) Cuscus

**10. The 'Permafrost' layer covers approximately 24% of the land surface in which hemisphere?**

A) Southern Hemisphere
B) Northern Hemisphere
C) Western Hemisphere
D) Eastern Hemisphere

**11. Which mountain range acts as a climatic barrier, separating the humid subtropics of the Indian subcontinent from the arid Tibetan Plateau?**

A) Hindu Kush
B) Kunlun Mountains
C) Himalayas
D) Karakoram

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**12. What is the name of the massive, slow-moving current of water that plays a crucial role in regulating the climate of Western Europe by bringing warm water from the Gulf of Mexico?**

A) Labrador Current
B) North Atlantic Drift
C) Canary Current
D) Benguela Current

**13. The 'Sunda Shelf' is a submerged extension of which continent?**

A) Australia
B) Asia
C) Africa
D) South America

**14. Which desert is the driest non-polar desert in the world, where some weather stations have never recorded a single drop of rain?**

A) Atacama
B) Namib
C) Gobi
D) Thar

**15. The Great Barrier Reef is composed of how many individual reef systems?**

A) Approximately 500
B) Approximately 2,900
C) Approximately 10,000
D) Approximately 50,000

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