

APES- Biodiversity Hotspots Activity

Objective: To teach students what hotspots are as well as the characteristics of these *critical habitats*.

Materials: Computer with Internet access

Procedure: Go to the website: <http://www.conservation.org/How/Pages/Hotspots.aspx>

Choose one of the biodiversity hotspot to study

Create a **1 page handout** that explains the following information:

Analysis:

1. List one animal and one plant that are **native** to this area.
2. In *which country* is this hotspot located?
3. Is this country a *developing or a developed nation*?
4. What human activity is contributing to the *biodiversity loss* in this area?
5. What, if anything, is *being done to protect* this hotspot?