

Glossary of land cover types

Land covers name	Definition
Dense forest	Forest thick with trees growing very closely together.
Open forest	Formations with a continuous vegetation cover in which tree crown cover exceeds 10 percent.
Wetland other than mangrove	Ecosystems that are affected by permanent or temporary inundation, but that cannot be classified as mangrove.
Mangrove	Forest and other wooded land with mangrove vegetation.
Other coastal	An environment in which the coast is a significant element or part, but which cannot be classified as wetland or mangrove.
Grassland	Land on which the vegetation is dominated by grasses, grasslike plants, or forbs.
Shrubland	Land on which shrubs are the dominant vegetation.
Pastureland or Rangeland	Land (and the vegetation growing on it) devoted to the production of introduced or indigenous forage for harvest by grazing, cutting, or both. Usually managed to arrest successional processes.
Crop land - perennial	Land used for perennial cultivation of crops.
Crop land - annual	Land used for annual cultivation of crops.
Rotational agriculture	Land on which different crops are sequentially planted to improve soil health, optimize nutrients in the soil, and combat pest and weed pressure.
Forestry plantation	Forest stands established by planting or/and seeding in the process of afforestation or reforestation.
Mixed agri or forest system (permanent)	Land on which woody perennials (trees, shrubs, palms and bamboos, etc.) are used deliberately on the same land-management units as agricultural crops and/or animals permanently.
Mixed agri or forest system (rotational)	Land on which woody perennials (trees, shrubs, palms and bamboos, etc.) are used deliberately on the same land-management units as agricultural crops and/or animals sequentially.
Artificial environment	Human-made environment that provides the setting for human activity, ranging in scale from buildings to cities and beyond.
Post-mining site	Land previously used to extract natural resources.