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| **Term** | **Description or Definition** |
| Bacteria | One-celled organisms that can cause diseases |
| Biodiverse | Filled with different life-forms |
| Fossil Fuel | An energy source such as oil, coal, and natural gas, formed by the fossilized remains of plants and animals |
| Marine protected area | A region in or near an ocean where human activity is limited in order to preserve marine life |
| Pollutant | A substance that makes the environment and water dirty |
| Brackish | Describing water that is more salty than fresh, but not as salty as seawater |
| GMO | Genetically modified organism |
| Organic | Produced or involving production without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or other artificial agents. |
| Invasive species | Nonnative plants and animals that can reproduce quickly |
| Deforestation | The removal of trees in a forest to convert the land for farming or other uses |
| Overconsumption | The use of natural resources faster than they can be replaced. |
| Slash-and-burn agriculture | The cutting and burning of forests to open fields for farming or pastures |
| Sewage | Human and animal waste |
| Ecosystem | A community of living organisms and their natural environment |
| Initiative | A plan of action |
| Toxic | Poisonous or harmful |
| Conservation | The prevention of the wasteful use of a resource |