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Naturalness key

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MÉTA NATURALNESS MEASURER FOR EVERYBODY



We may be the witnesses of the fast transformation of our landscape in these days.

This Naturalness-measurer helps to identify the natural and degraded habitats in our surroundings. (in Hungary)



Who may use it?

This naturalness measurer was designed for those who do not know hundreds of plant species.

This method is not so accurate, but can help to understand what features of the vegetation indicate naturalness.





What do we need?

- pen or pencil
- data sheet
- knowledge of some common plant species (e.g. reed, oak, rosehip or black locust)
- or plant identification guide





Steps of naturalness estimation:

1. First choose the type of habitat you are standing in. (Imagine a habitat)

‘woodland’

‘shrubbery’

‘grassland’

‘marshes, water surfaces’ or

‘other habitat’





Steps of naturalness estimation:

2. Mark those statements that are correct for the habitat you are standing in.

- The forest stands in water or on water bank
Y/N



- It is not littered, not trampled or disturbed too much by people or wild animals Y/N



Steps of naturalness estimation:

3. Sum up the scores.

4. The total shows how natural or degraded your habitat is.





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Thank you for your attention!

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