

AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

Ecological Reference Chart

MED

Mediterranean

Mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers. Found on northern and southern tips.

DES

Desert

Extremely arid with minimal rainfall. Sahara (North) and Namib/Kalahari (South).

SAH

Sahel / Steppe

Semi-arid transition zone between desert and savanna with sparse grasses.

SAV

Savanna

Tropical grasslands with scattered trees. Home to major wildlife populations.

RAIN

Tropical Rainforest

High humidity and heavy rainfall. Dense canopy concentrated in Central Africa.

MON

Montane

High altitude vegetation varying by elevation. Found in Ethiopian Highlands.