

# VEGETATION ZONES OF AFRICA

*A Comprehensive Botanical Classification & Distribution Map*

## **MEDITERRANEAN**

Located at the northern and southern tips. Characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters with sclerophyllous scrubland.

**Key Species:** Olive, Cork Oak, Protea, Heath.

## **SAHARA & NAMIB DESERTS**

Extremely arid regions with minimal rainfall. Vegetation is sparse, consisting of xerophytes adapted to water conservation.

**Key Species:** Date Palm, Acacia, Welwitschia, Lithops.

## **SAHELIAN ACACIA SAVANNA**

A transitional semi-arid belt between the Sahara and the humid savannas. Features open grasslands and thorny shrubs.

**Key Species:** Baobab, Senegalia senegal, Cram-cram grass.

## **TROPICAL RAINFOREST**

Concentrated in the Congo Basin. High humidity and rainfall year-round support dense, multi-layered evergreen forests.

**Key Species:** African Mahogany, Teak, Rubber Trees, Ebomy.

## **SUDANIAN SAVANNA**

Characterized by tall grasses and scattered trees. High seasonal rainfall supports a vast diversity of large herbivores.

**Key Species:** Elephant Grass, Shea Tree, Parkia biglobosa.

## **MONTANE FOREST**

High-altitude ecosystems found in the Ethiopian Highlands and Rift Valley. Includes afro-alpine moorlands.

**Key Species:** Giant Lobelia, Tree Groundsel, Juniper.

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