

AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

Reference Classification Guide

ZONE NAME	PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS	KEY REGIONS
Tropical Rainforest	High rainfall, dense canopy, evergreen.	Congo Basin, Gulf of Guinea
Savanna Grassland	Scattered trees, seasonal rains, tall grass.	Serengeti, Sudanian Savanna
Sahel Steppe	Semi-arid transition, sparse shrubs.	Mali, Niger, Chad borderlands
Desert & Xeric	Hyper-arid, minimal vegetation, dunes.	Sahara, Namib, Kalahari
Mediterranean	Dry summers, mild wet winters, scrub.	Maghreb coast, Cape Province
Montane/Highland	Cooler temperatures, altitudinal layers.	Ethiopian Highlands, Mt. Kenya