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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Biodiversity

is the variety of life on earth.

Did you know that living things can be sorted/
classified according to shared characteristics?
So, how do you know if something is a plant or animal?

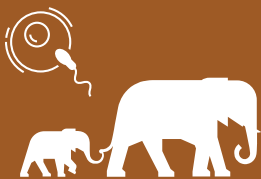
ANIMALS



Eat other organisms
for food

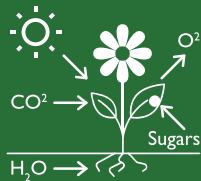


Can move around



Reproduce from fertilised
eggs and have babies

PLANTS



Make their own food
through photosynthesis



Cannot move around



Reproduce by
seeds and spores

SOME REASONS WHY THE WESTERN CAPE'S BIODIVERSITY IS SO SPECIAL

70%

of all species in the region are
ENDEMIC (occur nowhere else)

3-4%

OF THE WORLD'S
PLANT SPECIES

± 9 300

PLANT SPECIES
more than the whole of Europe



ALL LIVING ORGANISMS ARE GROUPED INTO KINGDOMS

Can you spot any organisms that fall into the Plant, Animal, Bacteria or Fungi Kingdoms here?

