

Each nomination will be evaluated by a task force consisting of (a) members of the PF and PT Subcommittees, and (b) additional scientists qualified to evaluate proposals concerning a given area. It is not anticipated that any one area will satisfy all the criteria listed below, but a proposed area should satisfy enough criteria to assure the task force that intensive ecosystem studies are feasible.

Persons nominating study areas should consider the following outline in preparing their proposals. If an existing facility is involved, distinction should be made between past accomplishment, present activity, and developments that may result from the proposed project. Include a statement concerning the relevance of any proposed research to the objectives of the International Biological Program.

Informal communication, prior to the formal presentation of a nomination, is encouraged wherever it seems desirable. All members of the PF and PT Subcommittees are available for such consultation.

Outline of Criteria

I. Characteristics

Describe the characteristics of the ecological system and its surroundings which would make the site suitable for intensive ecological study relating land and water. Consider the following:

- A. Size of available study area(s) and surrounding buffer zones; evidence of discrete drainage basin.
- B. Assessment of study area from standpoints of both diversity and homogeneity of the biota.
- C. Geographic relation to widespread or local community-types.
- D. Kind, degree, and duration of man's influences; include historic and prehistoric influences as well as contemporary ones; include favorable and unfavorable aspects of economic and legal setting of the area.
- E. Degree of control, including