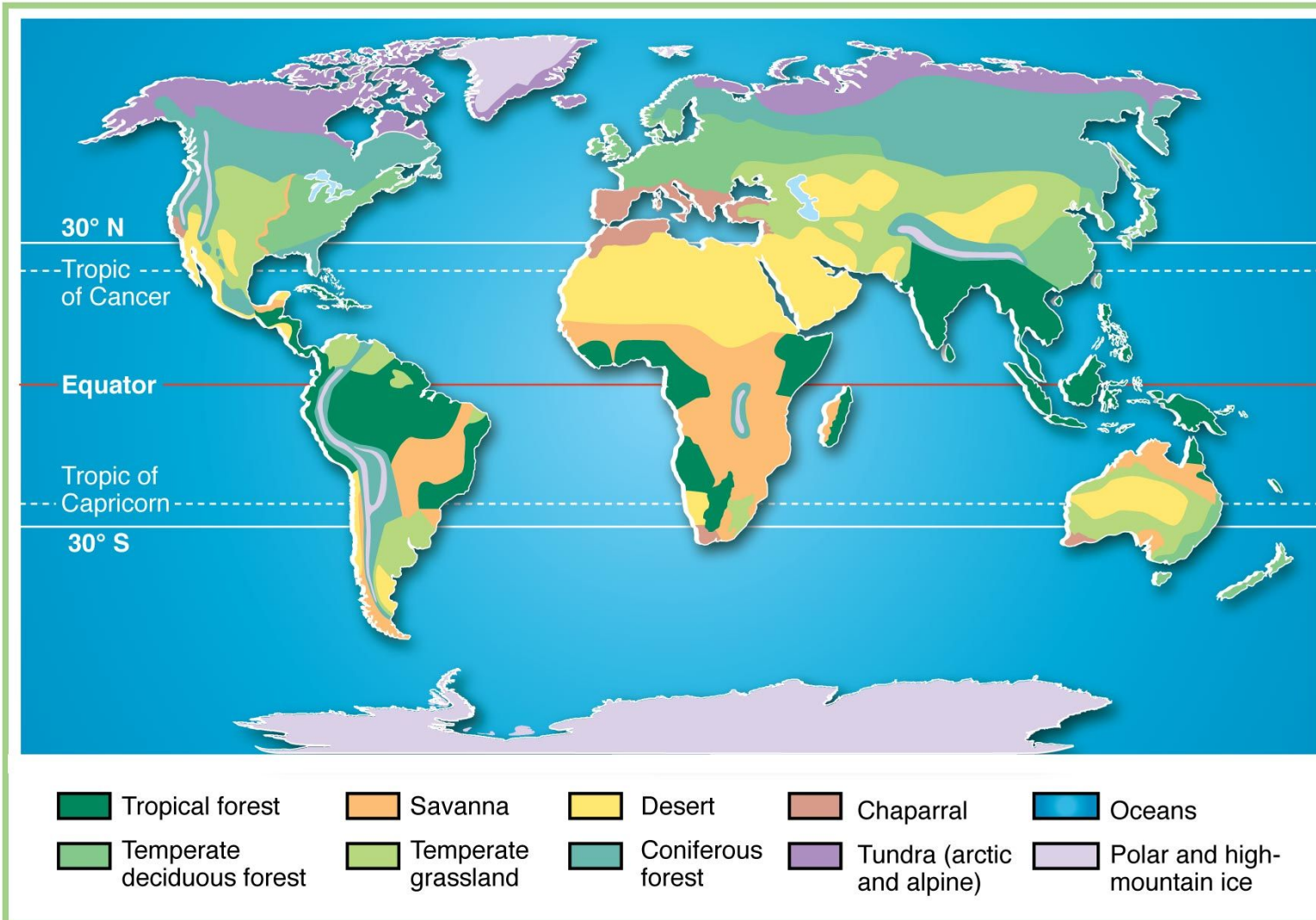


WORLD ECOSYSTEMS / BIOMES



GLOBAL ECOSYSTEMS / BIOMES

- **Polar / Tundra** - found near the north and south poles. Only specialised plants and animals survive here.
- **Boreal / Taiga** - coniferous, evergreen forest found in northern Canada and Siberia with long cold winters and a short summer period.
- **Temperate deciduous forest** - found across Europe and in the USA. These trees lose their leaves every year and thrive in mild and wet conditions known as a temperate maritime climate.
- **Temperate grassland** - found in Hungary, South Africa, Argentina and the USA. Consists of grass and trees that thrive in a temperate continental climate of moderate rainfall and mild conditions.
- **Desert** - found near the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Conditions here are very hot and dry. Plants and animals are specially adapted to survive in the harsh conditions.
- **Tropical rainforest** - found near the Equator. The climate is hot and humid and many different species can be found here.
- **Savanna grassland** - found mainly in central Africa, southern India, northern Australia and central South America. Long grasses and a few scattered trees in these hot, dry areas.
- **Mediterranean / Chaparral** - subtropical areas with hot dry summers and mild wet winters. Shrubby plants cope with the dry conditions.