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KEY CONCEPT

Ecological succession is a process of change in the species that make up a community.
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Succession occurs following a disturbance in an ecosystem.

- Succession regenerates or creates a community after a disturbance.
  - a sequence of biotic changes
  - damaged communities are regenerated
  - new communities arise in previously uninhabited areas
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- There are two types of succession.
  - primary succession — started by pioneer species
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- There are two types of succession.
  - secondary succession — started by remaining species