

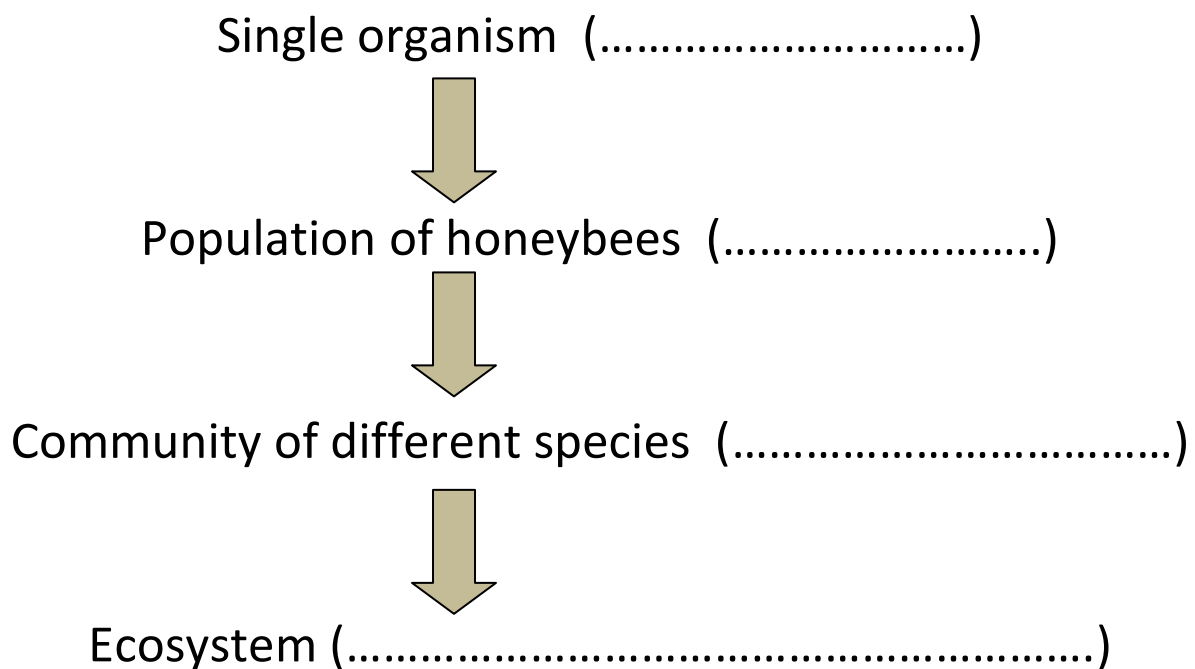
Introducing Ecosystems

Ecosystem → All the living organisms and their physical and chemical environment.

→ Composed of biotic factors and abiotic factors

Abiotic examples: temperature, wind, amount of sun, amount of water, humidity, air quality

Hierarchy of ecosystems (simple → complex)



Size - Can be small (rotting log) or very large (boreal forest).

Sustainability = ability to maintain ecological balance (to stay as is)

Ecosystems affect humans! Examples: