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Ecological Diversity and its Measurement

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Springer, Netherlands, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Although diversity is one of the central themes of ecology there is considerable disagreement about how it should be measured. I first encountered this problem 10 years ago when I started my research career and spent a long time pouring over the literature in order to find the most useful techniques. The intervening decade has seen a further increase in the number of papers devoted to the topic of ecological diversity but has led to no consensus on how it should be measured. My aim in writing this book is therefore to provide a practical guide to ecological diversity and its measurement. In a quantitative subject such as the measurement of diversity it is inevitable that some mathematics are involved, but at all times these are kept as simple as possible, and the emphasis is constantly on ecological reality and practical application. I hope that others entering the fascinating field of ecological diversity will find it helpful. This book grew out of my work in The School of Biological and Environmental Studies at the New University of Ulster, Coleraine, Northern Ireland. I am...



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