



SOIL

The soil absorbs and stores the water that plants need.

It is a source of nutrients for plants

It holds roots of plants so they don't get washed away in the rain.

As plants die and decompose in soil they create a natural fertilizer that the next plant in its place uses to grow.

The soil is different in different habitats because of the plants, animals, hydrology, and geology in the area (sand at the beach; dark soil in the forest).