

Abiotic processes refer to the physical (non-living) environment, for example, temperature, moisture and light, or natural mineral substances (Lincoln et al. 1998) ¹⁾, which influence living organisms directly or indirectly.

The AlpES project recognizes the relevance of abiotic processes as a basic input to ecosystem services. Abiotic outputs and abiotic services are relevant in environmental management and planning, however they are not in the main focus of the project.

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Lincoln, R. J.; Boxshall, G. A. & Clark, P. F. (1998): A dictionary of ecology, evolution and systematics. 2. ed., reprinted. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press

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