

Review of: "Biodiversity, Anthropogenic"

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Anthropogenic Biodiversity is a reminder to the lay public of the centuries, indeed millenia, of human interaction with plants and animals, wherein humans have selected for traits to enhance productivity for food. The article shows the intimate understanding of many human cultures with the practices of selection and reproduction. The author points out, however, that in the twentieth century with the availability of seeds for purchase, local practices of selection have declined, including selection for flavor, as illustrated by rice varieties. The discussion is accessible and worth utilizing in classes to teach how humans have worked with nature to modify plants and animals to sustain them. It also discusses how some animals are not suited for domestication, showing the limits of human ability.