

13. Biogenic and anthropogenic landforms

Biogenic processes

Plants and animals are other factors influencing the Earth's relief.

Their activities = biogenic processes = create smaller forms:

- *moorlands* (moors)
- *termite mounds*
- *burrows*
- *coral reefs*
- *coral islands*



Anthropogenic processes

Man and his activities – anthropogenic processes – contribute to relief formation:

- *quarries and mines*
- *roads*
- *settlements and their ruins*
- *river and sea canals*

People and their activities:

- *speed up weathering* by pollutants releasing into the atmosphere
- *cause soil erosion* and *silting-up of dams* by deforestation
- *activate artificial earthquakes*, etc.



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