

Biogeochemical Cycles

I.) Carbon Cycle

- A.) Controls CO₂ in Atmosphere
- B.) Marine Carbon Cycle
 - Photosynthesis--Respiration
 - Air-Sea Exchange
 - Carbonate System
 - CO₂ → HCO₃⁻ → CO₃²⁻
 - Burial of Organic Carbon
- C.) Terrestrial Carbon Cycle
 - Photosynthesis—Respiration
 - Weathering of carbonates, kerogen
- D.) Human Impacts
 - Deforestation
 - Combustion of Fossil Fuels

II.) Nitrogen Cycle

- A.) Introduction
 - Mostly N₂ in atmosphere
 - Need to convert to usable nitrogen (nitrification)
 - Bacteria—nitrifiers
 - Fertilizer production
 - Cars
- B.) Marine
 - Surface waters stratified so limiting to photosynthesis
 - Rapid recycling
 - Upwelling
- C.) Terrestrial
 - Trapped in soils, recycled
 - Source are nitrifying bacteria (legumes), cars, fertilizer
- D.) Human Impact
 - Doubling N to coastal waters

III.) Phosphorus

- A.) No life in atmosphere
- B.) Phosphate minerals, sediments
- C.) Phosphate mining
- D.) Limiting in lakes—detergents, eutrophication

IV.) Sulfur

- A.) Needed in proteins
- B.) Different forms (H₂S reduced, SO_x oxidized gas, SO₄²⁻ in water)
- C.) Acid Rain
- D.) Sulfate aerosols

