

LANDSCAPE

Definition

(1) An area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors.

(2) An area (spatial component) as perceived by people (subjective component), whose sensually perceivable features (link to aesthetics in the original meaning of the Greek 'aisthesis') and character (Alexander von Humboldt's definition of landscape) are the result (evolutionary/temporal aspect of landscape) of the action of natural and/or cultural factors (holistic view of landscape).

(3) The Swedish primary definition of the word landscape (*swe. landskap*) denotes the conditions in a country, a country's character, and/or a country's traditions. Originally, landskap was strongly related to customs, ideas of homeland, justice, nature, and nation (Olwig 1996). Landskap was a social space that denoted a territory and its people, and connoted aspects of custom, value, and everyday life.

(4) For many people, landscape simply means scenery – everything that is around us and can be viewed at one time from one place on the horizon – or all the visible features of an area, considered for their aesthetic appeal.

Related terms

Landscape identity, Landscape quality, Landscape sensitivity, Landscape service, Landscape vulnerability

Keywords

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Figure 4 Landscape – composed by houses, forest, bushes, windmills, single trees and meadows, Sao Miguel, Azores. (Photo: Naja Marot, 2006)

Source

A discussion on the origin and meaning of the term landscape, including the three definitions cited above, can be found in the EUCALAND glossary:

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Translations

Bosnia and Herzegovina Pejzaž/okoliš

Bulgarian Пандшафта

Croatian Krajolik

Czech Krajina

Danish Landskab

Dutch Landschap

Esperanto Pejzaĝo

Estonian Maastik

Finish Maisema

French Paysage

German Landschaft

Greek Ανάλυση Τοπίου

Hebrew נוף

Hungarian Táj

Italian Paesaggio

Islandic Landslag

Latvian Ainava

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Serbian Пејзаж

Spanish Paisaje

Swedish Landskap