

ESSENTIAL Knowledge

Although basic survival strategy and techniques are applicable anywhere, conditions vary widely around the world.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT CONDITIONS IN ANY REGIONS IN WHICH ONE EXPECTS TO TRAVEL.

A general knowledge of what you may expect in different climates will greatly increase your ability to handle a situation of survival, if accident throws you into totally unfamiliar territory like the jungle of New York?

CLIMATE ZONES:

People often view an alien environment as an enemy and feel they MUST fight it. WRONG!

THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO SURVIVE.

FIGHT IT AND YOU WILL LOOSE!

There are dangers against which precautions **MUST** be taken but nature is neutral. Learn to live with each climate and to use whatever locations within a continent are equally **important**.

DECIDUOUS FOREST:

As the climate gets warmer and winters less severe, deciduous forest replaces the conifers. Oak, beech, maple and hickory are the main species in America. Oak, Beech, Chestnut & Lime in Eurasia. Soil rich in humus supports many plants and fungi.

Survival is not difficult except at very high altitudes where tundra or snow-field conditions appear. Many of these areas have been cleared by man.

TEMPERATE GRASSLAND:

Mainly central continental areas with hot summers, cold winters and moderate rainfall, these have become the world's great food producing areas- grain is grown and cattle reared. Water can be a problem in summer a shelter in winter.

MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS:

The lands bordering on the Mediterranean are semi-arid areas with long hot summers and short dry winters. There is sunshine most of the year and drying winds. At one time this region was forested with oaks.

When these were cut down, the soil erodes, much of the area became covered with evergreen shrub. The Chaparral of California is very similar. Trees are few and water is a problem at high altitudes other conditions prevail.