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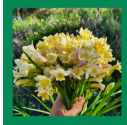

A SWEET SMELLING GARDEN ESCAPEE WHICH WILL INVADE BUSHLAND AND SANDY HEATH COUNTRY IF NOT CONTROLLED

ATTRACTIVENESS	95
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	71
SPREADING SPEED	79
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	54
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
CORMOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, 0.1-0.4 M HIGH. FLOWERS ARE CREAM & WHITE & YELLOW & PURPLE, JUL TO OCT. GREY-WHITE SAND, LATERITIC SOILS OR SANDY CLAY. AMONGST GRASSES IN WOODLAND OR IN DISTURBED AREAS.

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ARUM LILY

ZANTEDESCHIA AETHIOPICA

A CREEK SYSTEM AND DAMP AREA INVADER. THIS TOXIC PLANT IS RAMPANT IN THE GINGIN BROOK AND LOWER CATCHMENT

ATTRACTIVENESS	73
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	90
SPREADING SPEED	83
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	45
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	10

DESCRIPTION
RHIZOMATOUS (TUBER-LIKE), PERENNIAL, HERB, TO 1 M HIGH. FLOWERS WHITE, JUL TO NOV. LOAM, SAND. SWAMPS, RARELY UPLANDS.

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GAZANIAS

GAZANIA LINEARIS

A SUN LOVING GARDEN ESCAPEE, THIS WEED WILL RAMPAGE THROUGH SANDY BUSHLAND IF LEFT UNCHECKED

ATTRACTIVENESS	82
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	88
SPREADING SPEED	91
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	74
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
CLUMP-FORMING PERENNIAL, HERB, (0.05-)0.1-0.3 M HIGH. FLOWERS YELLOW-ORANGE-RED, JUN TO DEC. COASTAL AREAS, ROADSIDES, WASTELAND AROUND SETTLEMENTS.

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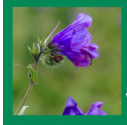

A PURPLE PADDOCK MENACE. ITS PRETTY FLOWERS ARE OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR WILDFLOWERS YET THE PLANT IS POISONOUS TO FARM ANIMALS

ATTRACTIVENESS	96
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	71
SPREADING SPEED	73
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	66
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	7

DESCRIPTION
ERECT ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL, HERB, 0.1-0.6M HIGH. FLOWERS BLUE/BLUE-PURPLE/PINK/WHITE, MAINLY SEP TO DEC OR JAN. WEED OF ROADSIDES, VACANT LANDS & DISTURBED GROUNDS.

ORIGINATED FROM
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PINK GLADIOLI

GLADIOLUS CARYOPHYLLACEUS

A WIDESPREAD PINK FLOWERING WEED SPREAD THROUGH THE LOWER CATCHMENT ON GREY OR WHITE SAND, AND LOAM SOILS

ATTRACTIVENESS	91
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	85
SPREADING SPEED	76
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	66
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
CORMOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, 0.2-0.8M HIGH, WITH TWISTED LEAF BLADES. FLOWERS PINK, AUG TO NOV. GREY OR WHITE SAND, LOAM.

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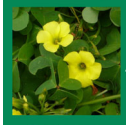

A COMMON WOODLAND WEED WHICH SMOTHERS OUT NATIVE VEGETATION BY FORMING A DENSE BLANKET

ATTRACTIVENESS	71
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	88
SPREADING SPEED	74
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	72
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	7

DESCRIPTION
BULBACEOUS AND RHIZOMATOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, 0.1-0.3 M HIGH. FLOWERS YELLOW, JUN TO OCT. A COMMON WEED.

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SPINY RUSH

JUNCUS ACUTUS

A PRICKLY UNWELCOME CREEK AND WETLAND INVADER, THIS WEED WILL SLOWLY TAKE OVER AND BECOME A NIGHTMARE TO REMOVE

ATTRACTIVENESS	6
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	86
SPREADING SPEED	51
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	38
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	8

DESCRIPTION
ROBUST RHIZOMATOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, TO 1.5 M HIGH. FLOWERS BROWN/GREEN, AUG TO NOV OR MAY. GREY SAND, LOAM, OFTEN SALINE. CREEKS, SOAKS.

ORIGINATED FROM
EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN

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FOUNTAIN GRASS

CENCHRUS SETACEUS

ANOTHER GARDEN ESCAPEE, FOUNTAIN GRASS OUT-COMPETES AND SUPPRESSES NATIVE VEGETATION AND GREATLY INCREASES FIRE RISK

ATTRACTIVENESS	53
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	84
SPREADING SPEED	82
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	69
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
RHIZOMATOUS (TUBER-LIKE), PERENNIAL, HERB, TO 1 M HIGH. FLOWERS WHITE, JUL TO NOV. LOAM, SAND. SWAMPS, RARELY UPLANDS.

ORIGINATED FROM
EAST AFRICA, TROPICAL AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SW ASIA.

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TRIBULUS TERRESTRIS

A CREEPING MENACE THAT CREATES CARPETS OVER DEGRADED LAND AND PRODUCES HUNDREDS OF SPINY BURRS WHICH PERSIST IN THE SOIL

ATTRACTIVENESS	2
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	73
SPREADING SPEED	92
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	70
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	7

DESCRIPTION
PROSTRATE ANNUAL, HERB, PLANTS VILLOUS; LEAFLET PAIRS 4-7; COCCI WITH DISTINCT DIVERGENT, MEDIAN SPINES 3-8 MM LONG. FLOWERS YELLOW, JAN TO DEC. OFTEN ON SANDY SOILS. WASTE PLACES.

ORIGINATED FROM
NATIVE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, AFRICA, ASIA AND SUBTROPICAL PARTS OF AUSTRALIA

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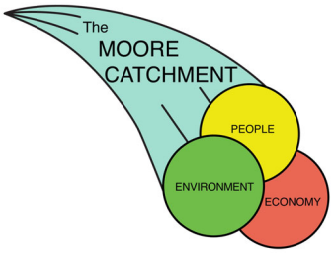
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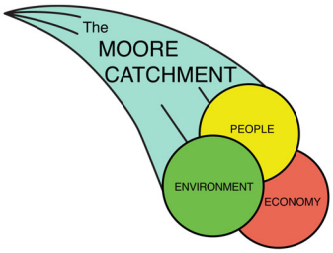
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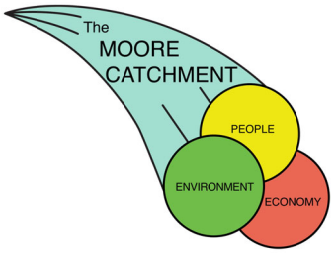
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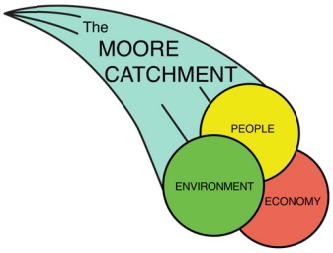
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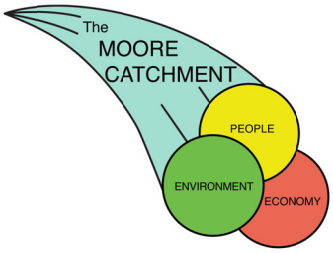
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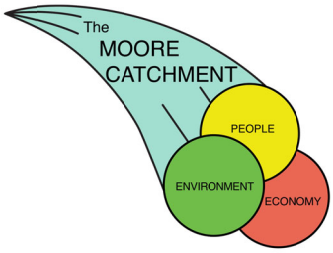
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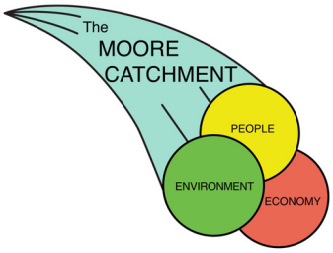
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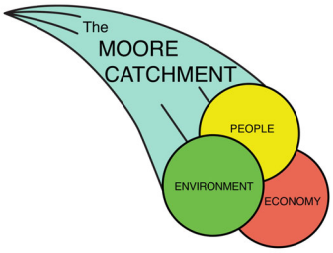
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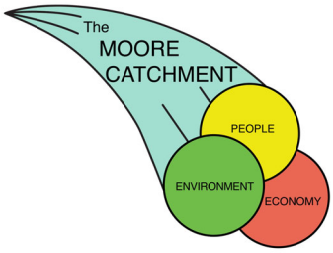
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SLENDER ICEPLANT

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A CREEPING MENACE THAT CREATES CARPETS OVER DEGRADED LAND AND PRODUCES HUNDREDS OF SPINY BURRS WHICH PERSIST IN THE SOIL

ATTRACTIVENESS	33
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	79
SPREADING SPEED	77
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	83
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	6

DESCRIPTION
A RAMPAGING INVASIVE SUCCULENT WHICH FAVOURS DEGRADED, HEAVY AND SALINE SOILS. IT WILL TURN PRODUCTIVE LAND UNPRODUCTIVE BY DROPPING SALT.

ORIGINATED FROM SOUTH AFRICA

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BUGLE LILY

WATSONIA MERIANA VAR. BULBILLIFERA

A GARDEN ESCAPEE, IT HAS BECOME A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL WEED OF DISTURBED BUSHLAND AND ROADSIDES, PARTICULARLY NEAR WATER.

ATTRACTIVENESS	82
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	86
SPREADING SPEED	68
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	65
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	8

DESCRIPTION
CORMOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, TO 2.5 M HIGH, FLOWERS IN LOWER PART OF INFLORESCENCE REPLACED WITH CLUSTERS OF CORMILS; CAPSULES RARELY PRODUCED. FLOWERS PINK-RED/ORANGE, SEP TO DEC. GREY SANDY LOAM, BROWN GRAVELLY LOAM, BROWN SANDY CLAY, PALE SANDY ALLUVIUM. VALLEY SLOPES, WINTER-WET AREAS, ALONG CREEKLINES, ROADSIDE DRAINS.

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ONE-LEAFED CAPE TULIP

MORAEA FLACCIDA

A GARDEN ESCAPEE FOUND EXTENSIVELY THROUGH SANDY SOIL IN THE LOWER PARTS OF THE CATCHMENT, NOW A DECLARED PEST PLANT

ATTRACTIVENESS	67
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	93
SPREADING SPEED	84
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	72
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	8

DESCRIPTION
CORMOUS, PERENNIAL, HERB, TO 0.75 M HIGH. FLOWERS YELLOW & ORANGE/YELLOW, SEP TO NOV. WHITE SAND, GREY SANDY LOAM OVER LIMESTONE, LATERITE CLAY, GRAVEL. SEASONALLY WET SITES, ALONG CREEKLINES, HILLTOPS, PASTURE AND DISTURBED LAND.

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CAPE BLUEBELL

WAHLENBERGIA CAPENSIS

REGULARLY THOUGHT TO BE A NATIVE WILDFLOWER, THIS BLUE ANNUAL IS READILY FOUND ON LIGHT SANDS ALL OVER THE MOORE RIVER CATCHMENT

ATTRACTIVENESS	98
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	52
SPREADING SPEED	49
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	71
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	1

DESCRIPTION
SLENDER, ERECT OR ASCENDING ANNUAL, HERB, 0.1-0.5 M HIGH. FLOWERS BLUE/BLUE-GREEN, SEP TO NOV. SANDY SOILS. DISTURBED GROUNDS, PLAINS.

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PERENNIAL SEA LAVENDER

LIMONIUM SINUATUM

A GARDEN ESCAPEE, POSSIBLY A CULTIVAR. WIDESPREAD ON WASTELAND, ROADSIDES AND DISTURBED VEGETATION, ESPECIALLY ON MARGINS OF SALINE SOILS.

ATTRACTIVENESS	99
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	46
SPREADING SPEED	51
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	76
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	2

DESCRIPTION
ROSETTED PERENNIAL, HERB, 0.15-0.4 M HIGH. FLOWERS WHITE-CREAM-YELLOW/BLUE, JAN OR MAR TO MAY OR SEP TO DEC. DISTURBED AREAS.

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ROSE PELARGONIUM

PELARGONIUM CAPITATUM

PELARGONIUM IS A MAJOR WEED OF THE MOORE COASTAL HEATHLAND AND DUNES PUSHING OUT NATIVE VEGETATION.

ATTRACTIVENESS	77
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	83
SPREADING SPEED	84
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	72
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	8

DESCRIPTION
STRAGGLING, SHRUBBY PERENNIAL, HERB, 0.1-1 M HIGH. FLOWERS PINK-PURPLE/WHITE, FEB TO APR OR AUG TO DEC. SAND, COASTAL SAND DUNES & LIMESTONE.

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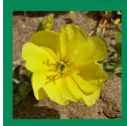

OENOTHERA DRUMMONDII

MAT-FORMING, SECONDARY SAND STABILISER THAT READILY SPREADS BY SEED INTO DUNE AREAS. COMMON AROUND GUILDERTON.

ATTRACTIVENESS	84
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	72
SPREADING SPEED	74
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	72
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	4

DESCRIPTION
ROSETTED HERB, 0.1-0.6 M HIGH. FLOWERS YELLOW, JAN TO DEC. WHITE SAND, COASTAL DUNES, ROADSIDES.

ORIGINATED FROM NORTH AMERICA

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AFRICAN LOVEGRASS

ERAGROSTIS CURVULA

AFRICAN LOVEGRASS IS REGARDED AS A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL WEED AND CAN FORM DENSE STANDS WHICH CROWD OUT NATIVE SPECIES AND PREVENT THEIR REGENERATION.

ATTRACTIVENESS	28
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	96
SPREADING SPEED	94
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	71
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
DENSELY CAESPITOSE PERENNIAL (OFTEN PURPLE NEAR BASE), GRASS-LIKE OR HERB, 0.3-1.2 M HIGH. FLOWERS PURPLE/GREEN, AUG OR NOV TO DEC OR JAN TO MAY. VARIETY OF SOILS. DISTURBED SITES.

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WILD OATS

AVENA FATUA

HIGHLY PERSISTENT AND COMPETITIVE GRASS WHICH READILY OUTCOMPETES NATIVE VEGETATION ESPECIALLY ON ROAD RESERVES AND DISTURBED GROUND.

ATTRACTIVENESS	30
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	96
SPREADING SPEED	94
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	71
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	9

DESCRIPTION
ERECT ANNUAL, GRASS-LIKE OR HERB, 0.6-0.9 M HIGH. FLOWERS GREEN, AUG TO DEC. BROWN CLAYEY SAND, HEAVY, RED LOAM.

ORIGINATED FROM MEDITERRANEAN/NORTH AFRICA, EURASIA, EUROPE

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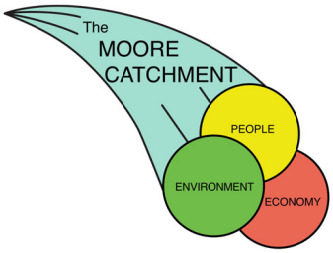
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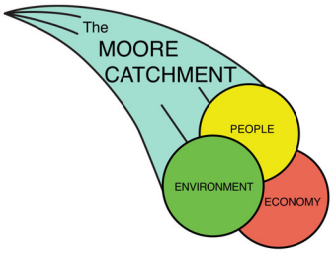
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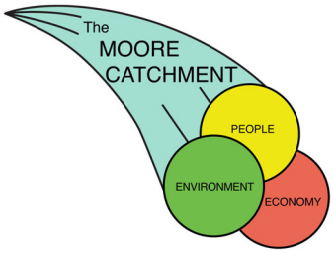
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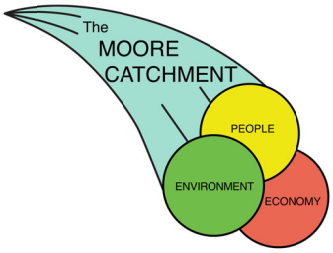
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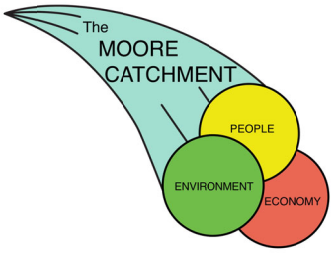
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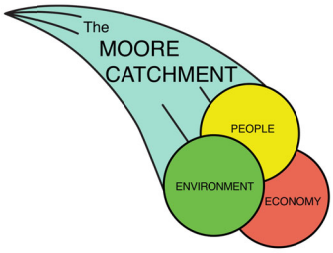
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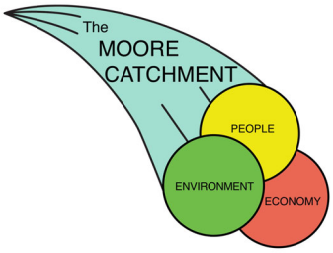
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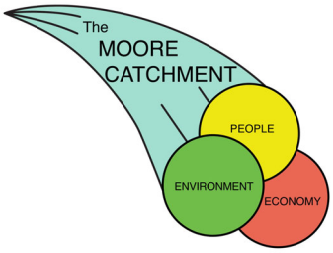
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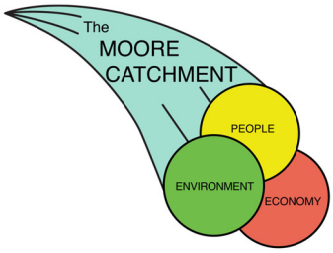
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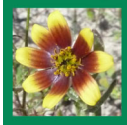

STINKING ROGER

MONOCULUS MONSTROSUS

OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR A NATIVE WILDFLOWER, THIS STINKY COLOURFUL PLANT WILL POP UP IN PADDOCKS AND THROUGH NATIVE WOODLAND

ATTRACTIVENESS	51
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	79
SPREADING SPEED	75
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	80
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	4

DESCRIPTION
ERECT ANNUAL, HERB, TO 0.7 M HIGH. RED-BROWN LOAMS OR SANDY CLAYS, YELLOW-WHITE OR GREY-BROWN SANDY LOAM, BROWN CLAY LOAM, LIMESTONE, GRANITE. UNDULATING SANDPLAINS, HILLS AND SLOPES, VALLEY SLOPES, CREEK BEDS, SALINE WATERCOURSES.

ORIGINATED FROM SOUTH AFRICA

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BLUE LUPIN

LUPINUS COSENTINII

AN AGRICULTURAL CROP PLANT WHICH HAS ESCAPED INTO THE BUSHLAND ENVIRONMENT. IT WILL INVADE AND OUTCOMPETE NATIVE VEGETATION

ATTRACTIVENESS	74
LEVEL OF INVASIVENESS	83
SPREADING SPEED	80
HOW EASY TO CONTROL	82
LEVEL OF ANGER SEEING IT	6

DESCRIPTION
ROBUST, MUCH-BRANCHED ANNUAL, HERB, 0.2-1.4 M HIGH. FLOWERS BLUE, AUG TO NOV. SAND, LOAM, RIVER EDGES, SWAMPS, ROADSIDES.

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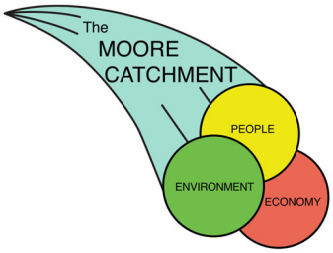
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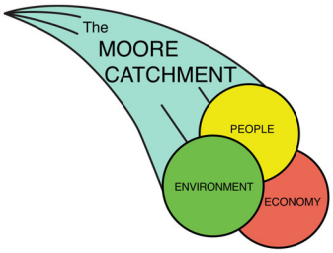
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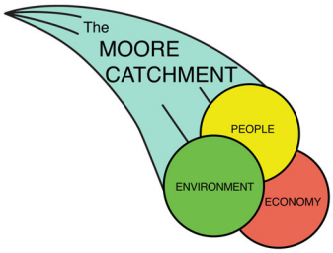
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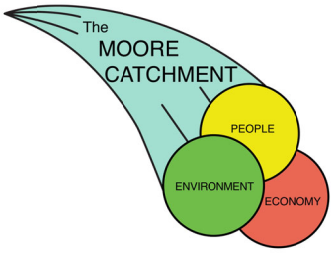
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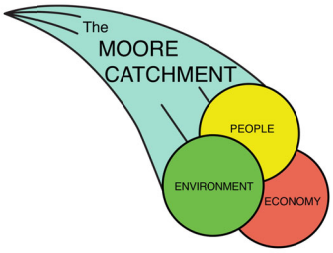
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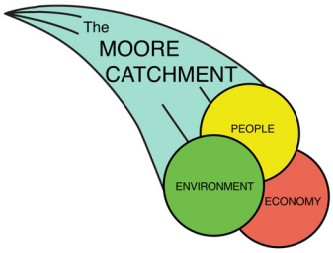
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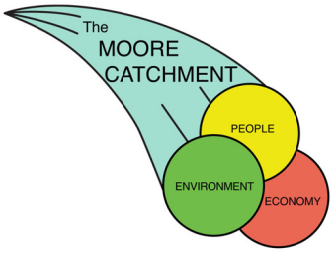
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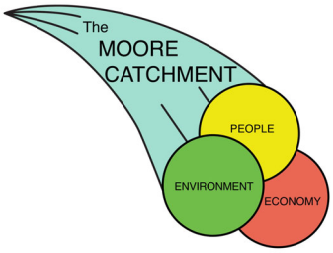
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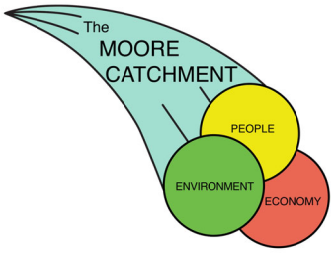
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