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Preface

“Plant Ecology and Environmental Interactions” explores the dynamic relationships between plants and the environments in which they live. Plants are not passive organisms; they actively respond, adapt, and influence their surroundings through complex ecological processes. Understanding these interactions is essential in an era marked by rapid environmental change, biodiversity loss, and increasing pressure on natural resources.

This book aims to provide a comprehensive overview of plant ecology, from fundamental concepts such as population dynamics, community structure, and ecosystem functioning to advanced topics including climate change impacts, ecological resilience, and sustainable management practices. It highlights how plants interact with biotic factors like microbes, animals, and other plants, as well as abiotic components such as soil, water, and climate.

Special emphasis has been given to contemporary challenges such as habitat degradation, invasive species, and the need for climate-smart ecological approaches. The chapters are structured to cater to students, researchers, and professionals in agriculture, environmental science, and related disciplines, combining theoretical insights with practical applications.

By integrating classical ecological principles with modern scientific advancements, this book seeks to foster a deeper understanding of plant-environment interactions and inspire innovative strategies for conservation and sustainable development. It is our hope that this work will serve as a valuable resource and contribute to building a more environmentally conscious and scientifically informed society.

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