**Biodiversity Hotspots Lab**

**Objective:**

To teach students what hotspots are as well as the characteristics of these critical habitats.

**Time:**

This lab will take approximately 25 minutes to complete.

**Materials:**

* Computer with Internet access

**Procedure:**

1. Go to the website [www.biodiversityhotspots.org](http://www.biodiversityhotspots.org/).

2. Click on “jump to a hotspot” and choose one you want to study.

3. Answer the questions below.

**Analysis:**

* 1. List one animal and one plant that are native to this area.
  2. In what country is this hotspot located?
  3. Is this country a developing or a developed nation?
  4. What human activity is contributing to the biodiversity loss in this area?
  5. What, if anything, is being done to protect this hotspot?