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# Edge effects: Which one?

## Ecological processes behind five type of edge effects

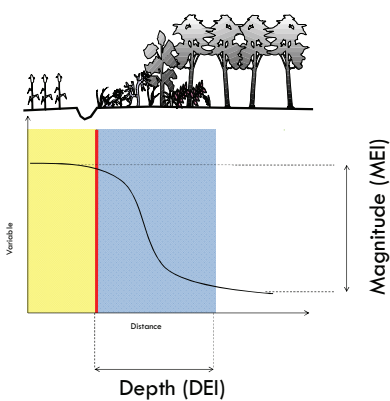
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« Edge effect » is widely used when describing ecological influences of forest spatial discontinuity.



But it encompasses several types of effects that need to be identified more clearly.



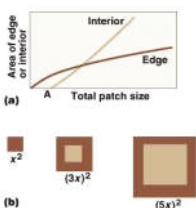
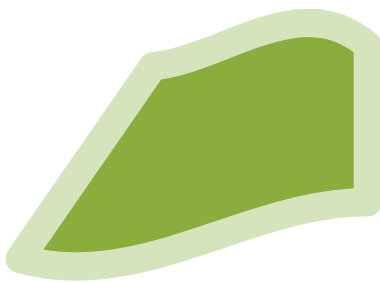
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Resource

GRADIENT  
Heterogeneity



FILTER  
Buffering

CORRIDOR  
Movements



CORE/EDGE  
Patch size

Links between these 5 types of “edge effects” need to be better documented since they induce apparently contradictory responses for biodiversity management.