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Taphonomy: Definition

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biosphere (living surfaces) to the lithosphere (underground). Taphonomists study processes such as decomposition or burial that affect organisms after death and which ultimately result in animals and plants becoming part of the fossil record.

The term taphonomy (from the Greek *taphos*-τάφος meaning burial and *nomos*-νόμος meaning law) is defined as the study of the transition of plant and animal organisms after death from the

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