

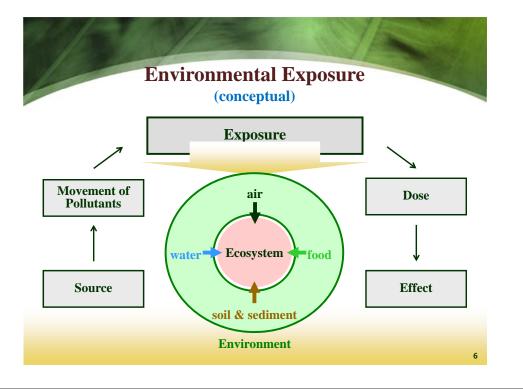
Concerns in Environmental Toxicology

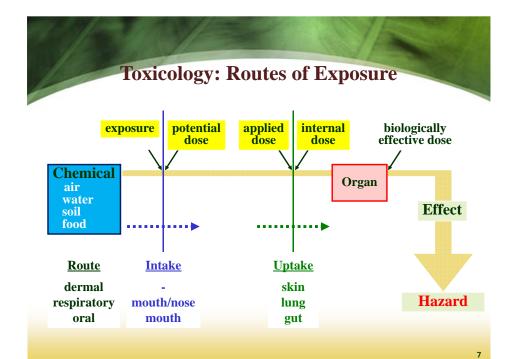
- <u>Air</u>
 - Ambient
 - Indoor
 - Occupational
- <u>Water</u>
 - Drinking
 - Surface
 - Ground
- Soil & Sediment
 - Contact
 - Uptake or Migration

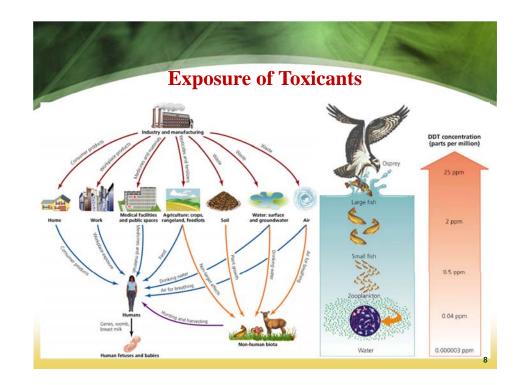
- <u>Food</u>
- <u>Consumer Products</u>
 - Commercial
 - Drugs
 - Cosmetics
- "<u>Toxics</u>" (other than above)
 - Hazardous substances

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Waste disposal







Toxicology: Important Terms!

• <u>Toxicity</u>: The adverse effects that a chemical may produce



• <u>Dose</u>: The amount of a chemical that gains access to the body



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Exposure: Contact providing opportunity of obtaining a poisonous dose

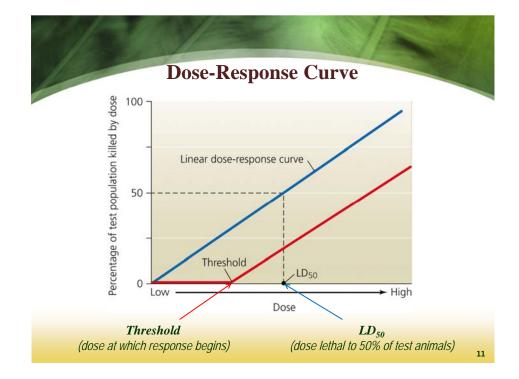
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 <u>Hazard</u>: A likelihood that the toxicity will be expressed viz. hazardous chemicals = potential toxic chemicals



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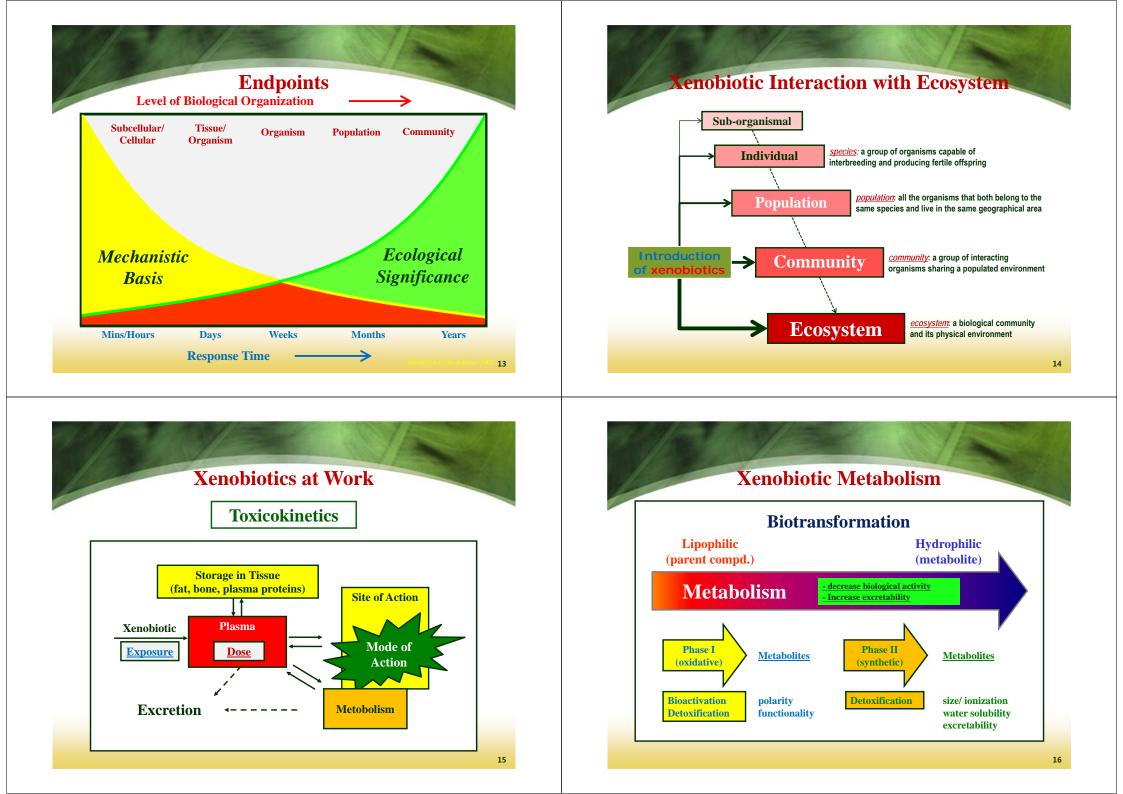


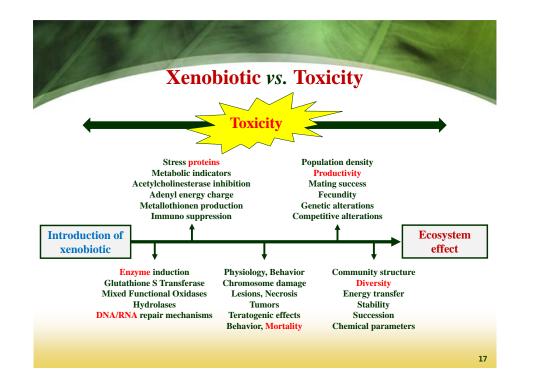


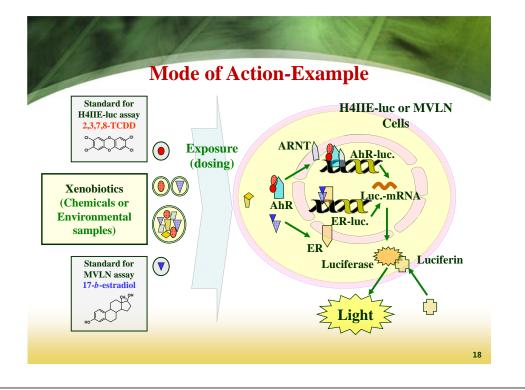
- Exposure Concepts

 Different toxic responses may arise from different:
 - Routes of exposure
 - Frequencies of exposure
 - **Duration** of exposure (acute vs. chronic)

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Type of Toxicants-Example

- Carcinogens: cause cancer
- Mutagens: cause mutations in DNA
- Teratogens: cause birth defects
- Allergens: cause unnecessary immune response
- Neurotoxins: damage nervous system
- Endocrine disruptors: interfere with hormones



- Human Health Risk Assessment
 - The characterization of the probability of potentially adverse health effects from <u>human</u> exposures to environmental hazards.
- Ecological Risk Assessment
 - A process that estimates the likelihood of undesirable <u>ecological</u> effects occurring as a result of human activities.

