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Biotic Indices and Direct Measuring

Advantages of Biotic Indices:

* Easy to use
* Can be use in moderately or heavily polluted areas
* Correctly classify various levels of polluted waters
* Shows richness, pollution tolerance, trophic levels present, abundance, and deformities

Disadvantages:

* Not specific
* Does not account habitat quality, not very suitable for water pollution
* Lacks sensitivity desired by workers interested in the degree of biological impairment with various qualities of water
* Interpretation difficult as as the index is affected by habitat quality