TABLE 1

Number of studies using each instructional setting.

Classroom only	Classroom and other	Not described	
19	57	14	

TABLE 2

Broad areas of focus within biosphere-related studies (n = 47).

Related to carbon cycling			Related to population studies				
Land cover	Carbon cycling	Carbon sequestration	Photosynthesis	Population studies	Biodiversity	Conservation	Historical data
15	12	5	4	13	13	5	5

TABLE 3

Geographic scale of the study (n = 76).

Global	Regional	Regional and global	Local	Local and regional	Local and global	Local-to-global
26	4	9	15	7	7	8

Note. It was not possible to discern a scale in 14 of the studies.

TABLE 4

Number of studies using each level of student-directed inquiry (n = 90).

	Level of student-directed inquiry					
Inquiry process	Student (1–2)	Student and instructor (3)	Instructor (4–5)	Not described		
Question	2	18	63	7		
Investigation design	1	52	23	14		
Knowledge construction	3	72	2	13		

Note. 1 = fully student-directed, 5 = fully teacher-directed).