











## **DARK BIOSPHERE**

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Outline: Historical development of the Dark Biosphere predicted by Darwin. Methodological problems in the characterization of the Dark Biosphere. Case study: the geomicrobiological characterization of the Iberian Pyrite Belt subsurface, the origin of the Río Tinto.

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