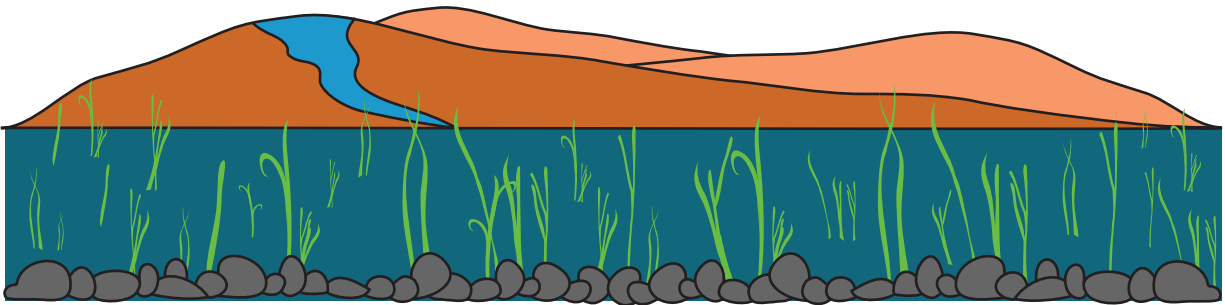


Wetlands

Wetlands are areas that are inundated with water for all or part of the year. What distinguishes wetlands from just a wet area are plants that are adapted specifically to live in the wet soil year-round. While wetlands provide important habitats for plants and animals, wetlands also serve important purposes to people.

Wetlands act like a sponge during flooding, absorbing large amount of water and slowing the advance of the floodwaters. They also filter and clean water that passes through them, removing excess nutrients and waste.



Why do you think it is important to conserve wetlands?

Do you live near any wetlands that you can visit?

WATER