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Mangroves

Mangroves are tropical trees or shrubs (bushes) that grow in swampy, shallow areas and have a series of thick, tangled roots that stick up through the mud. They grow in tropical or subtropical latitudes near the equator along seashores since they are able to filter out the salt or along river banks. They are able to withstand daily rise and falls thanks to their tangled roots slowing the movement of tidal waters and capturing sediments that build up the muddy bottom of the mangrove forest.

Types of Mangroves

There are many species of mangrove found around the world but four are common in tropical subtropical areas: red, black, white and buttonwood mangroves which are distinguished by the size and aspect of their leaves.

Importance of Mangroves

Mangrove forests are considered one of the most productive and complex ecosystems providing habitats to a variety of birds, crustaceans, fish and other organisms seeking food and shelter from predators. Mangroves reduce erosion from storm surges, currents, waves and tides thus stabilizing coastlines.

Label the types of mangrove.

white mangrove, red mangrove, black mangrove, buttonwood mangrove,









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