## Lesson 13

## Water, Fisheries, and Electricity as Resources

Water, fisheries, and electricity are resources that are vital to our existence. Even polluted water can be used again if it is cleaned. Earth's processes help clean water.

**Freshwater** is a limited resource that people need to conserve and keep clean. People need water every day for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning. Factories and farms use water to make products people need.

Fisheries are an essential resource. About 75% of the world's fish catch is used for human consumption. The demand for seafood has been rising globally due to increased awareness of seafood's healthy properties. Many medicines contain compounds derived from marine plants. The ocean provides goods, services and employment to millions of people around the world, e.g. snorkeling, diving, and sports fishing. The principal commercial marine life in The Bahamas are crawfish, conch, shallow water scale fish-grouper, jacks, snappers, grunts, and deep water scale fish, red snapper. Marine life are threatened by habitat loss, overfishing, pollution, the introduction of non-native or exotic species, invasive fish species and climate change.

**Electricity** is a form of energy and is another essential resource. This resource is vital because it is used to operate appliances and make our lives more enriched.

