

# AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM



An aquatic ecosystem is any ecosystem that develops in a body of water of varying size and nature, which includes seas, lakes, rivers, marshes, streams, lagoons and coasts.

## Marine ecosystems

Marine ecosystems have a beautiful and varied fauna and flora, in a wide range from microorganisms, marine mammals, fish, mollusks, to large predators and static and mobile plant forms.

One of the subdivisions of the marine ecosystem is the open sea, which has an enormous amount of life in its depths.

## Freshwater ecosystems

Those areas where the water has low salt concentration. Some examples of fresh water bodies are: lakes, swamps, rivers, streams...etc .

Freshwater ecosystems are subdivided according to water movement into three types:

1. Swamps and marshes (freshwater wetlands)
2. Ponds, lakes and lagoons (lentic ecosystems)
3. Streams and rivers (lotic ecosystems).



Answer the following questions with the words from the box.



AQUATIC - MICROORGANISM - SUBDIVISIONS OF THE



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