

sustainable: practices that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources

subsistence: earning only enough money for basic needs

mangrove: a kind of tree or shrub that grows along tropical shorelines, often in shallow water or swamps

teem: to be full of things or to swarm with them, for example, with insects or fish

sanctuary: an area set aside as a safe place for animals or plants

biodiversity: different kinds of plants and animals in a place

diversity: variety, mixture, different

reef: a long line of or rocks or coral (a hard material formed on the bottom of the sea by the skeletons of small creatures) in warm, shallow water

poacher: a person who hunts, catches, or kills animals or fish illegally

ecosystem: includes living things, such as plants and animals, and things that are not living, such as rocks, soil, sunlight, and water

decimate: to severely damage or destroy a large part of something (animals, plants, people, buildings, etc.)

predator: an animal that lives by killing and eating other animals

dynamite fishing: the use of dynamite (a strong explosive) to destroy, break apart, or remove (something)

coastal environment: the natural world near a body of water (ocean, lake, river)

endangered: used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely