

**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