

## Mangroves are special trees that live between the land and sea

Mangroves are found in coastal areas, on islands and along rivers.



Mangroves provide a safe place for fish to live and have babies



Mangroves provide shelter for many plants and animals and birds



Mangroves protect the shoreline from storms and cyclones



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# Keeping Solomon Islands' Mangroves Healthy



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Mangroves are an important resource for the rural coastal people of Solomon Islands. However, the area of mangroves is becoming less over time.



Communities are now thinking about ways to help protect and keep mangroves healthy for future generations.

What can you do ?



## Mangroves are very important for the daily lives of rural people



Mangroves supply fish, fruit, shells and many other things for people to eat



Mangroves supply firewood and timber for building houses and making tools



## Solomon Islands' mangroves are under threat

Increasing population and demand on mangroves for firewood and building materials is putting pressure on mangroves



In some places in Solomon Islands, mangroves are starting to disappear and the sea is starting to wash the trees away

It is important to look after our mangrove forests NOW to ensure that mangroves will be there for our children to use in the future



## What can you do?

Make a plan with your community to look after your mangroves and resources



Replant mangroves in areas that have been overharvested



Find alternative fuel and timber sources

