

Importance of our Wetlands



Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC)



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What is a Wetland?

A wetland is any area that holds water either temporarily or permanently. Some wetlands hold water year-round while others may only hold water for one or two months each spring. For example our ponds and lagoon.

We have salt water ponds, fresh water ponds and the Lagoon.



Why are our ponds and lagoon important?



They are an important part of our natural and cultural heritage.



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They provide food and protection for many types of animals.



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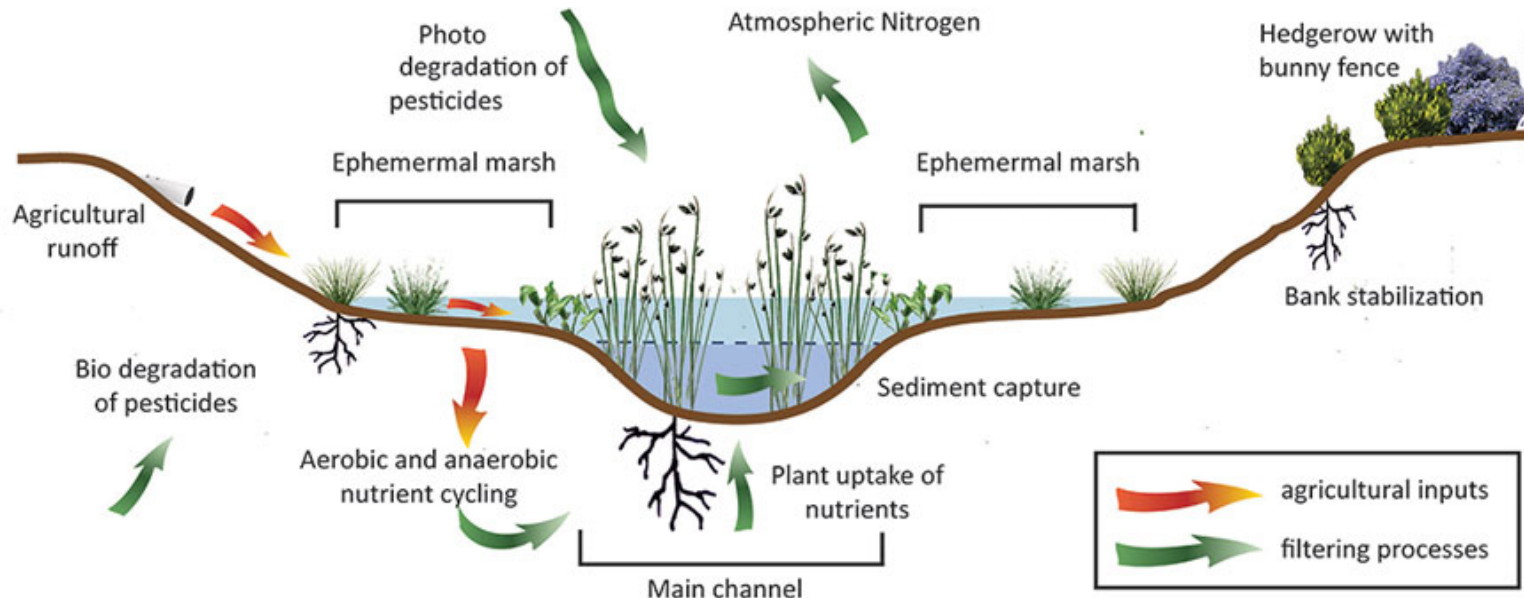
They protect us from storms, erosion and flooding.



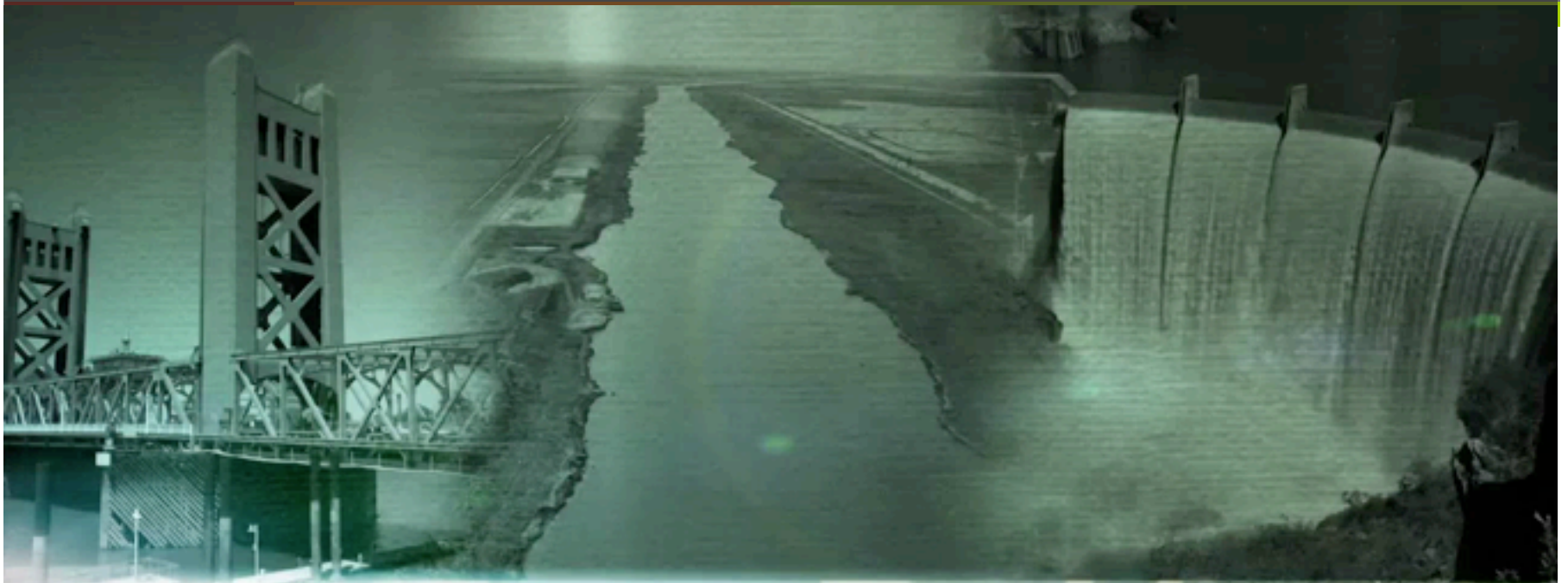
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Help us improve our air and water quality.



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Gives us a place for fun activities such as swimming, kayaking and sailing.



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For many economic reasons. Wetlands are estimated \$15 trillion in 1997 by MEA.



Environmental Challenges



- Development
- Dredging
- Filling/Land Reclamation
- Deforestation
- Pollution such as garbage, oil, chemical waste & sewage

How can we protect our wetlands?



- Do research.
Educate yourself and others
- Practice good waste management
- Make laws and implement them
- Do your part!

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