

# ALL ABOUT THE SALT MARSH

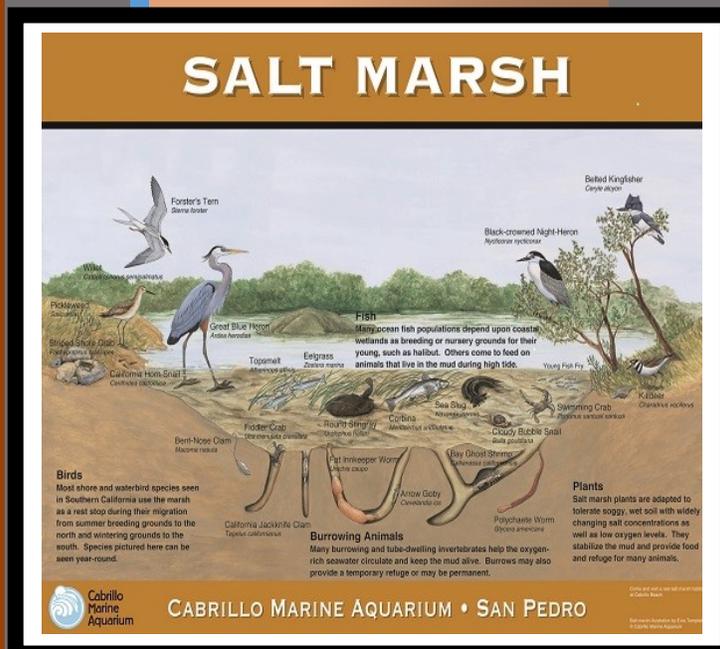
Did you know that one of the most diverse and productive marine ecosystems on the planet is the salt marsh?!

Cabrillo's salt marsh is a coastal wetland that serves as a transition zone between the land and the sea.

It is a hot spot of dynamic activity where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients, and the energy of the sun produces a rich variety of flora & fauna (plant and animal life).

This living laboratory of growth and abundance serves as a feeding, breeding, and nursing ground for a variety of animals (birds, fishes, invertebrates and crustaceans) as well as a refuge for migrating birds and other vulnerable wildlife (mammals, insects, amphibians & reptiles).

In addition to hosting a wide array of plant and animal species (zooplankton, pickleweed, amphipods & isopods, eel grass, clams, shrimp, mussels, snails, worms, crabs and marine birds & fishes) wetlands offer a significant ecological benefit to people.



This distinctive coastal habitat filters pollutants from the water, purifies the soil, and acts as a buffer to protect our shoreline from storms, flooding, and erosion. Far more than just water and mud, the wetland is a precious natural resource instrumental in the sustenance of life.



Over the past century, the world has lost over half of its wetlands to habitat destruction, agricultural expansion and urban development.

As these pristine coastal habitats slowly shrink, our need for environmental awareness & protection has become more valuable than ever.

However, things have the potential to look up, if only we commit to preserving & safeguarding these precious ecosystems of biodiversity and natural wonder.

Check out the collection of STEAM inspired activities & books that are bound to foster a love for learning, expand creative & critical thinking, and embrace a renewed pledge of action to preserve our wondrous wetlands and help protect the natural world for future generations!

The world of STEAM is filled with hands-on activities, student-led exploration, and books filled with fun facts, engaging illustrations, and awe-inspiring stories. STEAM books aim to spark curiosity in the Sciences, as well as link Technology & Engineering principles with Art appreciation and the marvels of Mathematics. These book titles are sure to inspire students of all ages to wonder, create, explore, and invent.

Happy Reading!