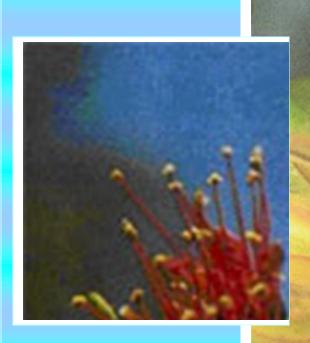
Fruits and Seedlings



Mangroves are Flowering plants

The process which permits mangroves to live in the constantly changing environment where the land meets the sea is unique among plants. A mangrove must contend with drying effects of the sun and wind, osmotic imbalance caused by the high salinity of sea water in which it is immersed and growth in salty oxygen deficient and water logged soil. Mangroves must have the ability to withstand destructive effects of storms surges and diurnal and seasonal changes of temperatures.

Due to these environmental hazards mangroves have developed specialized means in order to grow and reproduce.

