

# Mangrove as habitat

Situated between the land and the sea, mangroves provide food and shelter for animals from both worlds.

While there are some permanent residents, the majority of animals are visitors, choosing certain times of day, tides or seasons or appearing at particular stages of their lifecycles, during migration, for breeding or at times of stress such as droughts.

It is a habitat of extremes, at one time flooded and then six hours later exposed to the sun.



Mangroves are unique.

- *They provide abundant food & shelter for animals*
- *They provide habitat for animals*
- *They provide protection for animals from predators*
- *There is no other ecosystem where sea and land animals mix so well*
- *They are the most fertile ecosystems in the world*

Mangrove animals live in a variety of habitats

- *Creeks and Channels*
- *Semi-permanent pools*
- *Substrate Surface*
- *Within the Substrate*
- *Tree Trunks and root systems*
- *The Tree canopy*

