

Bivalves

MANGROVE OYSTER

(Saccostrea commercialis)

Oysters are often found on the seaward side of the mangrove forest. They attach themselves to peg and prop roots of the mangroves as well as the lower parts of the tree trunks.

It is common to see mangrove prop roots completely covered with clusters of oysters.

Oysters feed at high tide by filtering seawater through their bodies to collect microscopic plants and animals.

Oysters are one of the better known shellfish eaten by people.

