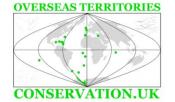
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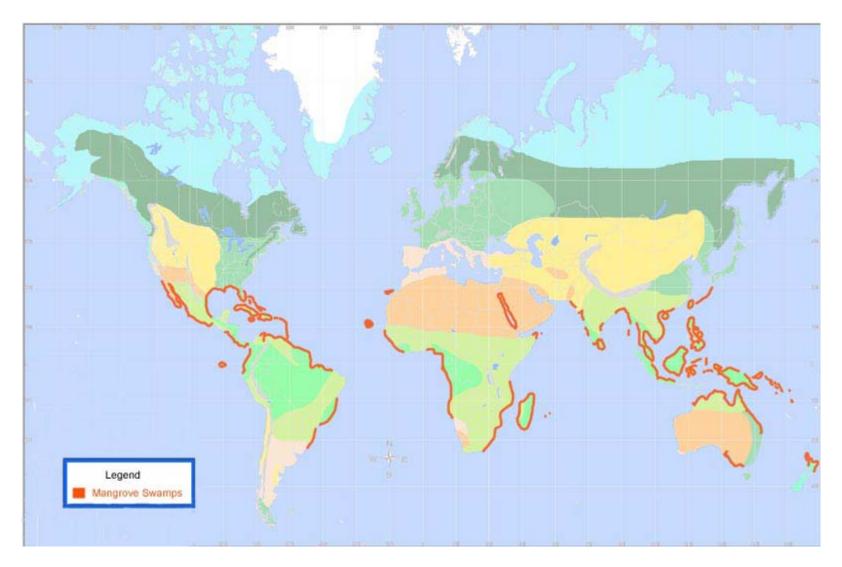






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Red Mangroves

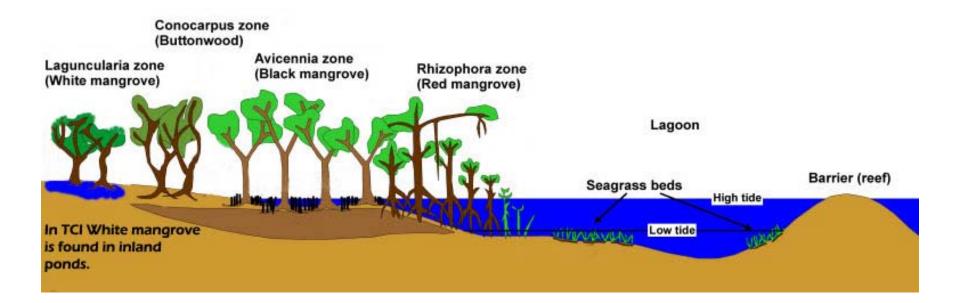


## Mangrove Distribution - shown by red lines



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## A typical mangrove area in TCI



## Diagram to show different Mangrove Zones



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Black Mangrove

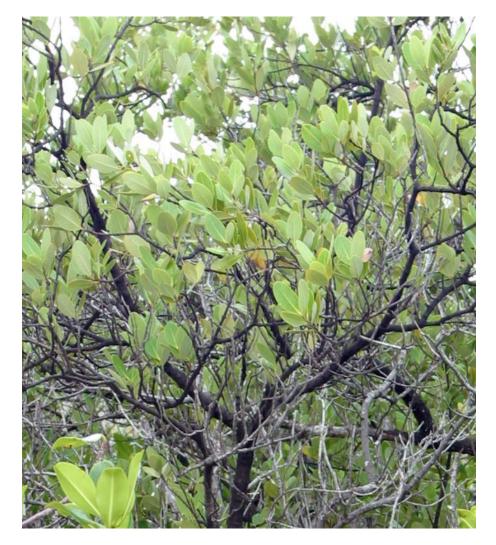


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Black Mangrove



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## Black Mangrove pneumatophores



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White Mangrove



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### Silver Buttonwood



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## Red Mangrove



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Mangroves filter water and help keep coral reefs healthy.



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Mangroves provide a nursery for small fish.



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Seagrass



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## Mangroves protect against erosion and flooding.



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## Mangroves stabilize and build land.



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Tree snail on mangrove leaf



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Palm Warbler



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Tricolored heron fishing amongst black mangrove pneumatophores.



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## Upside-down jellyfish amongst seagrass



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Young shark in shallows, by mangroves

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Mangrove cuckoo



Eco-tourism - kayaking in the mangroves. Can you spot the yellow-crowned night-heron?



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Mangroves remove carbon dioxide from the air by photosynthesis. So they are important for slowing climate change.