



The ecosystem of the intertidal wetlands (Mangroves) is very diverse and carries out many functions which many people are unaware of. The Mangrove ecosystem is often seen as ugly and smelly and people don't realise how important this ecosystem really is.

Mangroves provide food, shelter and protection for a number of different species mainly birds and fish it is this interaction between the mangrove plants and these animals which makes them ~~so important~~ important.

Mangroves provide a breeding ground and a nursery for baby fish to live in as they are protected from larger fish by the mangroves pneumatophores the mangroves also provide them with food as they drop their leaves into the water which are decomposed and the fish feed of them one third of Australia's fish catch are fish that have grown in the mangrove ecosystem.



Mangroves also provide a safe nesting place for many species of birds not only native birds but also birds that have flown over from Japan and China.

The interaction between the animals and birds with the mangroves is what makes the mangrove ecosystem so diverse. The fish, birds, crabs & detritivores work together with the mangroves to create a cycle.

