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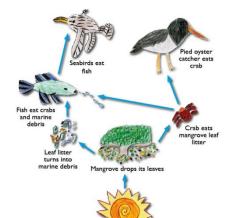
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3. Feeding Relationships in a Mangrove Ecosystem

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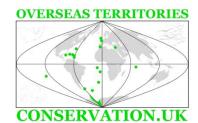


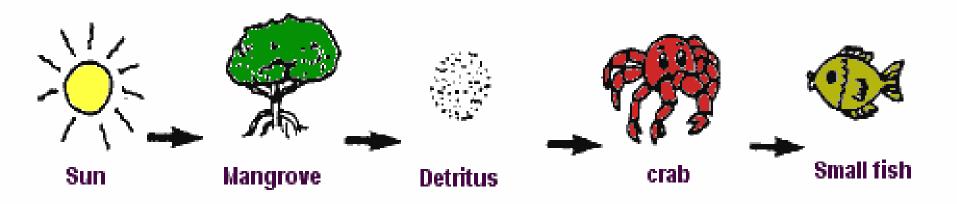




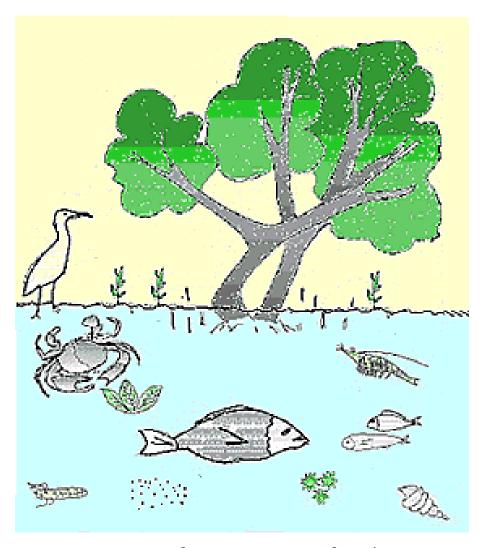








A typical simple mangrove food chain.



Some parts of a mangrove food webb



Mangroves



Coral Reefs



Deep Sea

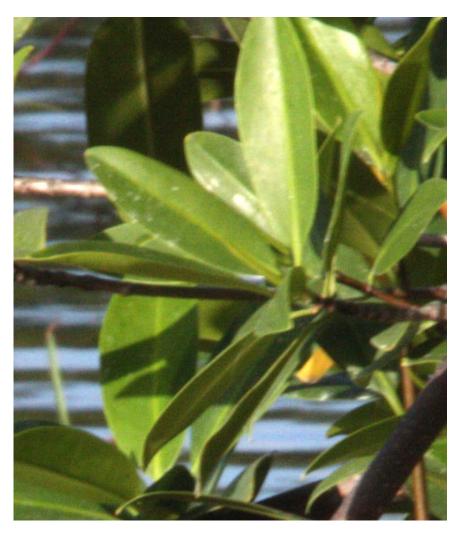


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Mangrove leaves produce their own food using energy from the sun.



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Small fish feed on mangrove leaf detritus.



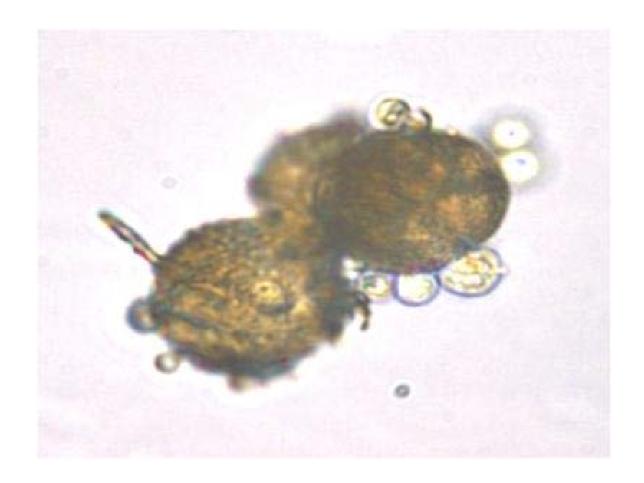
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The tricolored heron feeds on small fish amongst the mangroves.



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Fishing success.



Bacteria (highly magnified)

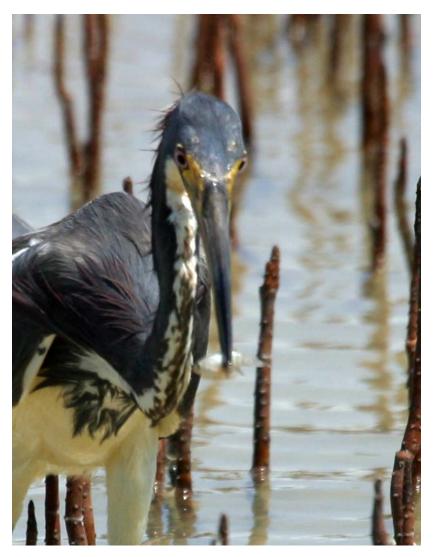


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A successful catch



Aquatic blue crab



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Mangrove leaves eaten around the edges.

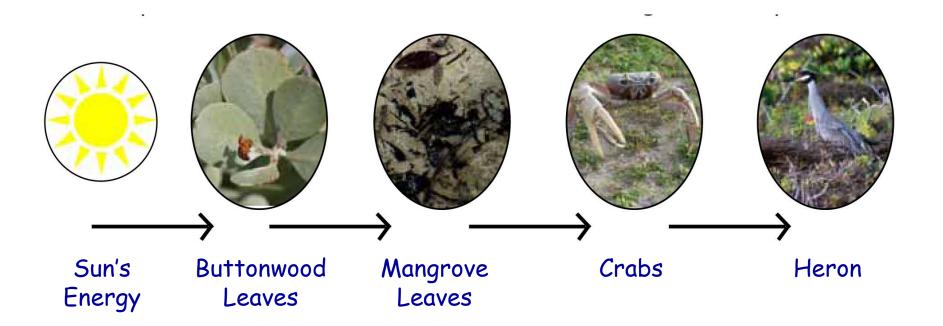


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The yellow-crowned night heron eats other small animals.

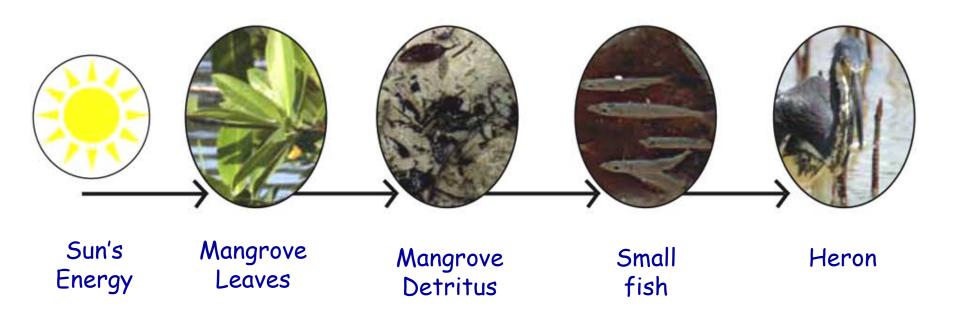


Fishermen need the mangroves to protect the young fish.



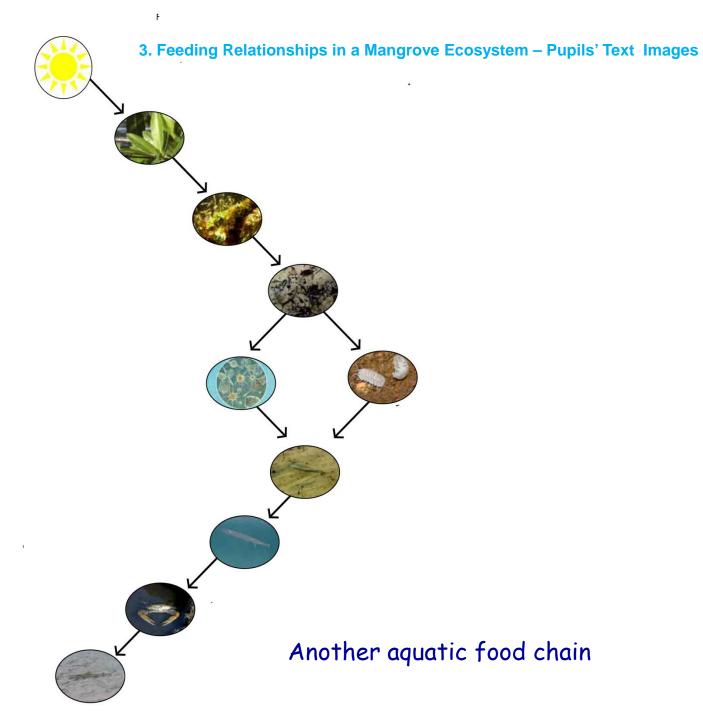
The arrows show the direction of energy flow.

An example of a simple mangrove food chain.



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Phytoplankton (highly magnified)



Zooplankton (highly magnified)



Isopods

