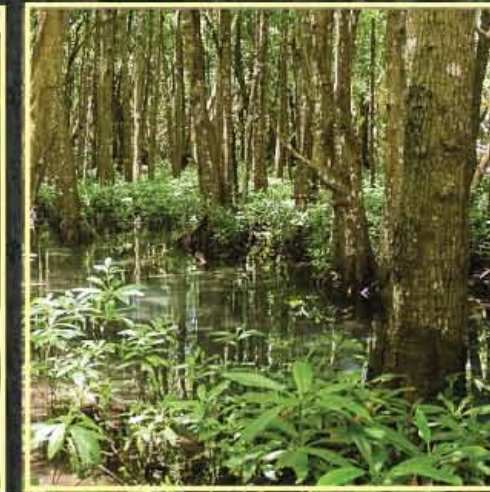
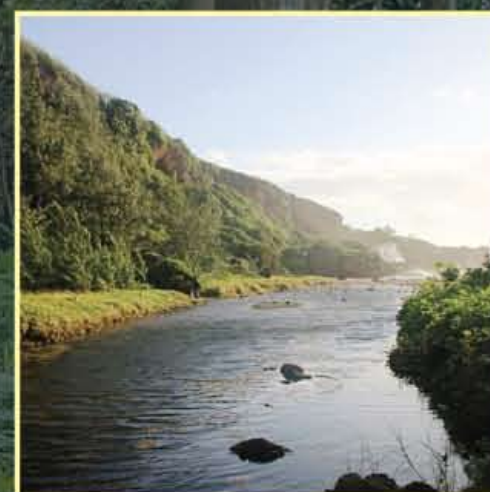


Wetlands

of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Northern Mariana Islands feature a wide variety of wetlands, including lakes, ponds, estuaries, marshes, swamps, streams and mangroves. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' Division of Coastal Resources Management classifies wetlands and mangroves as an Area of Particular Concern (APC). Development proposals within wetland and mangrove areas must apply for a permit with DCRM. All developments in wetland and mangrove areas must preserve or enhance wetland and mangrove areas.

Wetlands are an important but fragile ecosystem. They control pollution and flooding, contain unique plant species, provide habitat for wildlife, and offer recreation and education opportunities. We need to protect and enhance the wetlands and mangroves in the Northern Mariana Islands.



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