

Mangrove Ecosystem



Red-footed Booby



Masked Booby



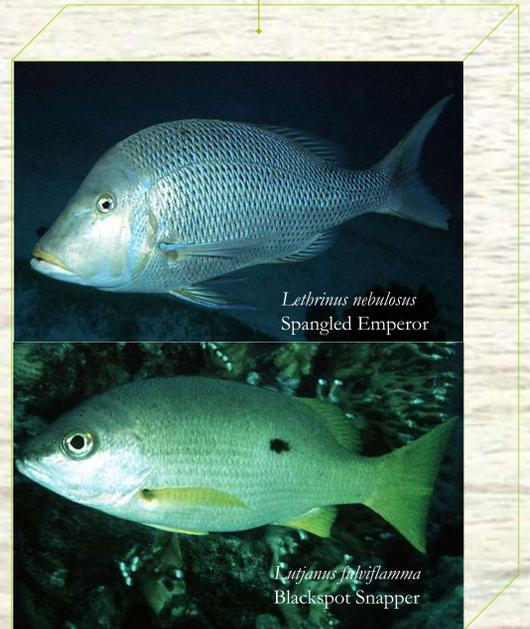
Great Frigatebird



Whimbrel



Grey Heron



Lethrinus nebulosus
Spangled Emperor

Lutjanus fulviflamma
Blackspot Snapper

Mangrove forests are made up of mangrove trees which are **salt tolerant**, evergreen plants.

Mangroves provide **protected nurseries** for fishes, crustaceans and shellfish; **food** for marine life and humans; and **refuge** for many species of birds. This makes up **an unique ecosystem** where the land and the sea meet.

Despite its endless list of important values, mangrove forests have **shrunk dramatically** around the World due to human activities.

Seychelles is no exception, mangrove forests around the granitic islands have been mostly destroyed for development.

Mangroves are also useful in reducing the damage caused by extreme weather events and climate change impacts.

NEEDS PROTECTION

Seychelles mangroves forests are home to many species of birds, fish, and shellfish.

Aldabra atoll, one of the largest mangrove areas in the Seychelles, is the **only** breeding location for the **great frigatebird** and **lesser frigatebird** in the country.

There are **seven species** of mangroves in Seychelles, which can all be found in **Port Launay Wetlands**, on the west coast of Mahé. All these species depend on mangroves for their survival.

