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This book is dedicated to Mr. Tony Vega and the founding members of the Northern Fishermen’s Cooperative Society LTD., the Caribbean’s first fishing cooperative. These men and women made the decision in 1960 to form this cooperative and to change their lives forever. Little did they know the amount of change that this first step would catalyze and that one day the fishing cooperatives of Belize would be the backbone of the fishery. Fishermen became respected people in Belize and the fishery is now the lifeblood of the country. I write this book for their grandchildren’s children and for Anaii, Riceni, Jahyan, Avimaeli, Jadel, Avimaely and Avy Castillo; Jayden Campos and Gianna Chee & Joida Nalini; Josue Hernandezes, Jenny, Esau and Damari Salguero; Franesha Staine and Terry Reyes; Richard & Shanel Reid, and Nathaniel Rejon.

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Hermann Broch


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Introduction

A Word to the Teachers

Welcome to Marine Conservation without Borders multi-linguistic educational resource. We are delighted to have you on board with us in this global effort to teach our children and youth how to love and protect our marine resources for the future.

This material is recommended for 7th-9th grade students.

Objective: Our primary goal is to teach marine stewardship. We believe that education will benefit by multilingual delivery. We believe various speakers have various needs. Accordingly, we appeal to people within their familiar and formative home language experiences. Our various readers are already stakeholders in the present and future quality of our marine resources, so it is both important and appropriate to communicate directly with all users.

How to use this Material: These booklets are meant to be a foundation to guide the teacher/student classroom pace and settings. Feel free to adapt them to accommodate your location and resources. Make sure that each student has his or her own copy.

Each page presents a short lesson containing the same information written in both English and Kriol. You may choose to teach one language or the other, or both if it seems suitable to you.

Always begin each lesson with a positive, encouraging greeting, and an interesting fact related to the theme or topic of discussion. Prepare the materials and the board ahead of time. The board should include the new vocab, the e-links, the Topic/Theme, and poster images in case you have no internet available to display a video.

“Those who love and live by the sea can hardly form a single thought on which the sea would not be a part.” — Hermann Broch

Mangrove Ecosystems are ubiquitous in tropical marine ecosystems across the globe. A Rongwe [White-throated Bee-eater] (Merops albicollis) in mangroves on the Indian Ocean. Photo by Agnes Mukami, Gazi Bay, Kenya EA.

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Bifoa wi Staat

Lata mi bakgrong eena mi fos risaach eena di ayrya a Kyaribeeyan fishriz mi kohn fahn di werk az saidman wid di artisanal fishriz a Bileez. Di fishaz mi chreet mi moa laik wahn faamli fahn KaaYo dan dehn mi chreet di mareen saiyeints dehn fahn Stayts. Sayka how Ah mi kweschun tingz di yooz soashal saiyeints risaach wayz, Ah mi geh wahn speshal vyoo soh mek mi laan bowt di ayrya, plos Ah mi laan fahn dehnya fishaz hischri nalij weh mi paas dong fahn dehn ansestaz (dehn nalij heriti). Dehnya tingz Ah gaan chroot wid dehn mi aalso mek mi noa fu chroot fu chroof bowt dehn faamli, di way dehn goh bowt di fish eena dehn ayrya, ahn eevn di loakal ejukayshan sistim dehn Ah kuda mi neva laan bowt if Ah mi neva deh tee-dina-tee eena dehn werk evriday da see.


Ah uda laik fi tank di fishaz ahn dehn faamli fu aksep mi ahn mek mi paat a dehn laif. Widowtn di ejukayshan Ah mi geh fahn dehnya kamyoonti, dis projek noh mi wahn hapn. Ah aalso waahn tank wi intanashanal teem a valantyaaz; if da neva fi dehn di mek dehnya aiddyaa kohn chroot, dis buk noh mi wahn hapn needa.

Robby Thigpen
Mayn Dairekta
Mareen Kansavayshan Widowtn Boadaz

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Preface

My first research in the area of Caribbean fisheries was largely informed by working as a side-man with the artisanal fishers of Belize. The fishers treated me more like a relative from Cayo than they did a marine scientist from the states. Approaching my questions in marine biology using social scientific research methods provided a unique perspective through which I was able to learn about and from these fishers’ ancestral knowledge (intellectual heritage). These experiences also gave me insight into things about their families, the local fishing mechanisms, and even the local education systems that I could not have learned without being immersed in their daily work at sea.

These fishers know the ecosystems in which they live and work intimately, indeed in the same way one is familiar with a close and trusted friend. Today the fisheries to which these fishers are so tightly related are being affected by external influences such as climate change, point source pollution, overexploitation, single use plastics as well as destruction of nursery and juvenile habitats to name just a few. While these fishers know these ecosystems well, their intellectual heritage does not fully account for these new negative external pressures, their causes, and the science describing them. These books are designed to blend local fishers’ knowledge and their local languages with the language and concepts of science so they are better equipped to discuss these issues in the languages they use. In turn, the new concepts and words in the context of their home languages will help them communicate their strategies for protecting their families’ food security and the marine ecosystems on which they depend in a clear and concise manner with fishery managers, policy makers, and conservationists.

When you set out to translate scientific constructs into what have been traditionally oral languages you run into many problems. One problem is that some of the terms have no equivalent words in the language(s) with which you are working. To overcome this problem, we’ve enrolled translators with cultural and linguistic relationship (experience?) with the languages to create new words (neologisms) for these languages. They have done so using standard neologism methodologies. We are confident in our design and methodology, yet we are also learning as we go. We will continue to refine and standardize our approaches and procedures as we develop our next books: a conservation science publication, Micro-Plastics in Our Environment, and a bilingual dictionary of scientific terms and descriptions of flora and fauna. Most new words you find in the current Mangrove Ecology book are defined in the glossary. Those that are not in the glossary in this edition will be included in the bilingual dictionary and revised into a future edition of this book.

I would like to thank the fishers and their families for accepting me and allowing me into their lives. Without the education I received from these communities, this project would not have been possible. I also want to thank our international team of volunteers, were it not for them making these ideas a reality it would not be possible either.

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DI MANGRO DEHN - MANGROVES

How Evriting eena di Werl Kanek Tugeda

Mayn Aidyaa: Mangro – Nachral Habitat
Objektiv: Andastan Weh Yu Reed
Di Nyoo Werd Dehn: Mangro, Eekosistim, Anda-waata Habitat, Shoa Bod, ahh Nestin

How fu Tink Klyaa wid Gud Sens

Kweschanz
1. Weh kaina eekosistim mangro bilangz tu?
2. Wat da di mayn plays di shoa bod dehn liv?
3. Da wehpaat di shoa bod dehn nes ahh ga baybi?
4. Weh yoo tink dehnya bod feed pan?

Tingz Fu Du

Connectivity and the Environment

Theme: Mangroves-Natural Habitat
Objective: Reading Comprehension
New Vocabulary: Mangrove, Ecosystem, Underwater Habitat, Wading Birds, Rookery

Critical Thinking Skills
Mangrove swamps are complex ecosystems with plant structures both underwater and above the water surface. The above water part of mangroves is a principal habitat for wading birds. These branches provide safe places to sleep and rest after a long day of hunting. The mangroves are also places for wading birds to have babies and rear their young (rookeries). Without the mangroves, these birds will have no place to live.

Questions
1. What type of ecosystem do mangroves belong to?
2. What is the principal habitat for the wading birds?
3. Where do the wading birds nest and have their babies?
4. What do you think these birds feed on?

Activities
1. After discussing the questionnaire with the class, draw a picture of the natural habitat-mangrove- of the wading birds. Show how these birds depend on this particular environment to survive. Extra: Change the picture into a collage for display in the classroom.
2. If you live near a mangrove, visit the area and write a detailed description of what you see.
Man-a-Waar Kee kloas Dangriga, Bileez, da wahn plays weh berd mek dehn nes ahn rayz dehn baybi (rookery). Govament protek dis sait, weh deh eena di Sowt Waata Kee Mareen Rizerv eena di Bileez Barya Reef Sistim, wahn UNESCO Werl Heritij Sait. Disya kee, er koril ailan, da hoam fi at lees foa speeshiz a berd: di magnifisent man-a-waar (frigate) berd (Fregata magnificens), di brong boobi (Sula leucogaster), di dobl-kres komorant (Phalacrocorax auritus), ahn di brong pilikin (Pelecanus occidentalis). Man-a-Waar Kee da wan a di taalis ailan eena di ayrya bot moa dan 50 persent a da ailan don wash-weh joo tu harikayn, jrejin ahn klaimit chaynj weh rayz op di see levl. Picha: Lisa Mulcahy

Man-o-War Caye near Dangriga, Belize is a highly protected bird nesting and rearing (rookery) site in the South Water Caye Marine Reserve in the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This caye, or coral island, is home to at least four species of birds: the magnificent frigate bird (Fregata magnificens), the brown booby (Sula leucogaster), the double-crested cormorant (Phalacrocorax auritus), and the brown pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis). Man-o-War Caye is one of the tallest islands in the area, but the island has eroded more than 50 percent due to hurricanes, dredging, and climate change induced sea level rise. Photo: Lisa Mulcahy
How Evriting eena di Werl Kanek Tugeda 2

Mayn Aidyaa: Mangro-Faasl Fyoowil-CO₂
Objektiv: Andastan Weh Yu Reed
Di Nyoo Werd Dehn: Kyaaban Daiyaksaid (CO₂), Klaimat Chaynj, Hai-asid Oashan, Faasl Fyoowil, Enerji weh noh ron owt (Renewable Energy)

How fu Tink Klyaa wid Gud Sens

Kweschanz
1. How yoo uda diskraib di way asid damij di oashan?
2. Da how tumoch CO₂ afek di mangro ahn di plays ih groa?
3. Da how wi kuda help protek di mangro dehn?


Connectivity and the Environment 2

Theme: Mangroves-Fossils Fuels- CO₂
Objective: Reading Comprehension
New Vocabulary: Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), Climate Change, Ocean Acidification, Fossil Fuel, Renewable Energy

Critical Thinking Skills
Mangroves also take in carbon dioxide (CO₂) and produce oxygen (O₂). A pressing issue of modern times is climate change, which is increasing temperatures globally and is also causing ocean acidification. One of the principal causes of climate change is an increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere and oceans. The increase is produced by the burning of fossil fuels, such as oil-based products and coal. We need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and begin our transition to renewable energy sources. Even if we were to stop using fossil fuels tomorrow, we would still have a lot of extra CO₂ in the atmosphere. CO₂ in the atmosphere captures heat from sunlight. In the ocean CO₂ makes the water more acidic. One important role of mangroves, like all plants, is to take in CO₂ and produce O₂. Mangroves take the carbon (C) out of the air we breathe and use it for energy. Mangroves are very efficient at capturing C, so we need to protect mangroves.

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Questions
1. How would you describe acidification in the oceans?
2. How does excess of CO₂ affect the mangroves and their environment?
3. How could we help protect the mangroves?

Activities. Use the internet to find a video of the natural mangrove surroundings near you from 5-10 years ago and compare it to today. Discuss the differences with your classmates. Try to send a letter/email to your local authorities pointing out your findings.

Dehnya mangro bush nyaa Cartagena de Indias, Kolombya provaid hows fu di loakal fishaman ahn provaid wahn helti eekosistim fu di see animal dehn weh dehnya fishman need fi kech. Pahn tap, di mangro dehn kleen di kyaaban daiyaksaid fahn di smoak weh let goh fahn lata kaa, chrok ahn bos eena di siti. Picha: Robby Thigpen

These mangrove forests near Cartagena de Indias, Colombia not only provide homes for local artisanal fishermen, but also provide a healthy ecosystem for the sea creatures these fishermen need catch. In addition, mangroves also clean the carbon from the exhaust many cars, trucks, and buses in the city. Photo: Robby Thigpen
How Evriting eena di Werl Kanek Tugeda 3

Mayn Aidyaa: Mangro - Eekosistim
Objektiv: Andastan Weh Yu Reed
Di Nyoo Werd Dehn: Animal wid no bakboan, animal laik skwid, Anda-paat, Brok op

How fu Tink Klyaa wid Gud Sens

Kweschanz
1. Taak bowt weh yoo andastan wahn “root sistim anda waata” fu bee.
2. Da wai yoo tink seh skwid-laik animal huk aan tu di mahngl?
3. Eena fi yoo oan werd dehn, eksplayn wai di fishriz a di Kayribeeyan uda brok op widown di mangro.

Tingz Fu Du: Du wahn risaach bowt yu siti fu fain owt humoch peepl pen pahn di red snapa (Lutjanus purpureus) er eni ada seshal kaina loakal fish. Inklood dehnya tapik: Weh yu ku fain dehn, di yoozhal prais, impoat, expoat, kwaliti, rischrikshan, ahn diman.

Connectivity and the Environment 3

Theme: Mangroves- Ecosystems
Objective: Reading Comprehension
New Vocabulary: Invertebrates, Mollusks, Substrate, Collapse

Critical Thinking Skills
The underwater root system of mangroves is a unique ecosystem. Mangroves add lots of cover for small fish and invertebrates and substrate for mollusks and other organisms. This system is also an important nursery area, a juvenile habitat, and a feeding area for many commercially important fish species such as the gray snapper (Lutjanus griseus). Every commercially important species in the Caribbean spends at least one phase of its life in the mangrove roots and/or in the seagrass meadows. Without the mangrove and seagrass meadows, all fisheries of the Caribbean will collapse.

Questions
1. Discuss what you understand as a “below water root system”.
2. Why do you think mollusks attach themselves to the substrate?
3. In your own words explain why the fisheries of the Caribbean would collapse without the mangroves.

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Activity: Conduct a research on your city to find out how much dependence there is on the consumption of red snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*) or any other special species of fish locally. Include these topics: Availability, average cost, import, export, quality, restrictions, and demand.


These juvenile Schoolmaster snappers (*Lutjanus apodus*) swim among these Red Mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*) roots looking for food. Juvenile *L. apodus* eat small crustaceans like crabs and amphipods that live on the roots. They can also swim quickly into the root system to avoid being eaten by larger fish. Location: Belize. Photo: ©Antonio Busiello
How Evriting eena di Werl Kanek Tugeda 4

Mayn Aidyaa: Mangro-Ihroazhan
Objektiv: Andastan Weh Yu Reed
Di Nyoo Werd Dehn: roazhan, Staam Waata Rosh Op

How fu Tink Klyaa wid Gud Sens

Kweschanz
1. Da weh yoo tink ihroazhan du tu di mangro nyaa di seeshoa?
2. Yoo tink seh pipl ku help stap ihroazhan a di mangro dehn? How?
3. Yoo eva deh eena wahn staam bai di seeshoa? Weh werd dehn yu kuda yooz fu diskraib it?

Tingz Fu Du: Mek wahn pi cha buk wid difrant mangro di seeshoa dehn rong di werl, ahn noh figet fu inklyood fu yoo ayrya tu. Shoa di “bifoa” ahn “afta” staam pichaz. Seh how dehn luk saym er difrant wid pichaz fahn laik 10 er moa yaaz abak.

Connectivity and the Environment 4

Theme: Mangroves-Erosion
Objective: Reading Comprehension
New Vocabulary: Erosion, Storm Surge

Critical Thinking Skills
The mangroves also have another function. They protect the islands and mainland from erosion caused by hurricanes and other storms. The roots of mangroves are just like other root systems: they help hold the soil together and fight erosion. Another issue with storms is tidal storm surge. This occurs when the sea is pushed onto the land by tides and low atmospheric pressure. Mangroves help to protect islands and mainland from this rush of seawater, erosion, and other problems associated with storm surges.

Questions:
1. How do you think erosion affects the mangroves near the sea shores?
2. Do you think people can help the mangroves from suffering erosion? How?
3. Have you ever been in a storm at the seashore? What words could you use to describe it?

Activity. Make an album with pictures of different mangroves in shore lines around the world and be sure to include yours. Show the “before and after the storm” scene. Compare also with pictures from some 10 or more years ago.

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Barbara Barrera Vilarmau and Johnny Hurtado Aguilar are the overseers of Refugio de Vida Silvestre Laguna Urpiano on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica. The coastline has crept in so far that sea turtles cannot lay their eggs in this protected area. During sea turtle nesting season conservationists perform nightly sea turtle patrols to protect the eggs from poachers. These heroic people relocate any eggs they find into areas safe from poachers and watch over turtle eggs until they hatch. Erosion from the removal of mangroves and erosion from climate change induced sea-level rise, are serious threats to sea turtles and communities across the globe. Picture by Robby Thigpen.
How Evriting eena di Werl Kanek Tugeda

Ting fu Du Owtsaid:
(Fi skool weh deh kloas tu di sea koas)

Mek wahn red mangro nersri

Klaat:

- Mangro seed. Yu ku geh dis aal yaa rong fahn di mada mangro chree. Kalek 3 tu 5 seed fi eech styoodent.

- 2-leeta soada plastik batl (3 tu 5 fi eech styoodent)

- Kuknat hoks paat er faiba

- Dert fahn di mangro bush anda-paat.
- Bokit
- Sizaz
- Waata


(Fi skool weh deh weh fahn di see koas)

Mek wahn nersri wid naytiv chree

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Weh Yu Need:

- Naytiv chree seedling dehn fahn yu ayrya (3 tu 5 fi eech styoodent)
- Emte 2 leeta soada plastic batl (3 tu 5 fi eech styoodent)
- Gyaadn dert
- Kompoas (yu ku mek dis fahn food weh lef oava)
- Sizaz.
- Waata

Connectivity and the Environment

Outdoor Activity:
(For schools located close to the sea coast)

Building a red mangrove nursery

Materials:

- Mangrove propagules (seeds). These can be collected all year round from the parent mangrove tree. Collect 3 to 5 per student.

- Empty 2-liter soda plastic bottles (3 to 5 per student).

- Coconut coir or fiber.

- Muddy soil substrate from the mangrove forest.
- Bucket.
- Scissors.
- Water.

Procedure: Choose an area in your school with enough shade. Cut the top half of the plastic bottles with scissors. In a bucket, mix the muddy soil with the coconut coir in a ratio of 2:1. Fill half of each plastic bottle with the mixture. Place the red-brownish part of one propagule in the soil of each bottle. Label the bottles with date of sowing and student name. Place the bottles in the shaded area previously identified. Water the propagules daily with fresh or brackish water for a period of 4 to 5 months before outplanting. Together with your teacher, ask collaboration with local authorities to identify the best places and times to plant the mangroves. On the day and place indicated, place the propagules in the substrate the same way you did in the plastic bottles, leaving a distance of approximately 35 cm apart from each other.
(For schools located away from the sea coast)

Building a nursery of native trees

Materials:
- Native tree seedlings from your area (3 to 5 per student).
- Empty 2-liter soda plastic bottles (3 to 5 per student).
- Garden soil.
- Compost (can be made from organic leftovers at home).
- Scissors.
- Water.

Procedure: Choose an area in your school which receives sunlight for only a few hours each day. Cut the top half of the plastic bottles with scissors. In a bucket, mix the garden soil with the compost in a ratio of 2:1. Fill half of each plastic bottle with the mixture. Place one seedling in each bottle. Label the bottles with date of sowing, plant species, and student name. Place the bottles in the school area previously identified. Water the seedlings daily with fresh water. Seedling will be ready for out-planting when they grow to a size of approximately 45-50 cm. Together with your teacher, ask collaboration from local authorities to identify the most best places and times to plant the trees.

How fu Tink Klya wid Gud Sens

If di mangro dehn staat fi goh weh, yu tink dat wuda bee wahn gud ting or wahn bad ting fi klaimat aal oava di werl? Wai?

If mangroves became extinct, would the global climate be affected positively or negatively? Why?

Lata di fish laik di gray snapa mek (*Lutjanus griseus*), moni fi di fishman dehn weh di pen pahn di sistim weh di mangro dehn kriyayt. If di mangro dehn disapyaa, how yu tink dat wahn afek di hoal konchri?

Many commercially important species, like the gray snapper (*Lutjanus griseus*), depend on the ecosystems created by the mangroves. Explain how the economy would suffer if the mangroves were reduced.

Gi chree egzampl a how mangro di help plaant ahn animal weh liv anda di see.

Give three examples of the mangroves as providers for the marine life.

Widowtn di mangro dehn, wi noh ga protekshan fahn harikayn, ihroazhan, ahn nada prablem wen kohn fahn dehnya ting. If wi looz di protekshan a di mangro dehn, how dat wahn afek di sayfti a di pipl weh liv bai di see?

Without mangroves we lack protection from hurricanes, erosion and other problems caused by them. How is the sea shore population’s safety affected when we lose the mangroves protection?
Destruction of mangrove ecosystems is a worldwide problem. The extended damage to the adjacent ecosystems are equally destructive everywhere and the families whose food security is dependent on healthy ecosystems are always negatively impacted. A Nyange Nyange [western reef heron (*Ardea gularis*, Bosc, 1792)] can be seen walking in the recovering mangrove forest looking for food. Plastics are also a global catastrophe negatively affecting the food web. Floating microplastics can be seen floating in the top right of the image.

Photo: Agnes Mukami, Gaza Bay, Kenya
Chooz di karek ansa tu di kweschan (di kweschan dehn ku ga moa dan wan ansa)
Multiple Choice (some questions have more than one answer)

1. If wi noh ga mangro, weh yu tink ih wahn afek moa?
   a. shoa bod
   b. fish weh liv deep eena di see laik shaak er wayl
   c. di fishaman dehn
   d. pipi hoam weh kloas tu di see?

1. Which of the following would be most affected by erosion in the mangroves?
   a. Wading birds
   b. Deep sea predators
   c. Local fishermen
   d. Nearby homes

2. Wat ku kaaz wi fi noh ga soh moch Lutjanus grisens?
   a. noh soh moch bod weh liv bai di see.
   b. wahn hariKay
   c. noh soh moch mangro
   d. protekshan a di mangro dehn

2. What could cause a drastic decrease in the population of Lutjanos griseus?
   a. Lowering the population of the wading birds
   b. A hurricane
   c. The destruction of the mangroves
   d. The conservation of the mangroves

3. Da weh di mangro dehn du wid di gyas dehn weh deh eena di ayaa?
   a. dehn projoos kyaaban daiyaksaid.
   b. Dehn tek kyaaban (C) owta di ayaa.
   c. Dehn tek O₂ owta di ayaa
   d. Dehn projoos O₂.

3. What do mangroves do to the gases in the atmosphere?
   a. Produce CO₂
   b. Take C from the atmosphere
   c. Take O₂ from the atmosphere
   d. Produce O₂
Glasari

Anda-paat (Substrate) n.
Wahn tap er anda-paat mateeryal weh gi wahn aaganizm plays fu liv, groa, er fain food.

Andawaata Habitat (Underwater Habitat) n.
Di plays er envoirnment anda di waata tap weh wahn speeshiz, er speeshiz papulayshan, er wahn er moa kamyooniti liv. Dehnya habitat inklood paat a di andawaata weh ga livin tingz ahn tingz weh noh ga laif.

Animal wid No Bakboan (Invertebrates) n/adj.
Wahn animal wid lata sel bot wid no spain er bakboan. Dehnya no-bakboan animal da di kain weh deh di moas, laik dehn da 97% a aala di animal speeshiz, plos no-bakboan animal ga lata groopin, laik Porifera (spoon), Cnidaria (koaral, jelifish, animoani), Platyhelminthes (flatwom), Nematoda (rongworm), Annelida (wom weh paat op, laik ertwom), Mollusca (snayl, skwid, aktapus), Arthropoda (insek, spaida, kraab), Echinodermata (staafish, see kyukomba).

Bam brigidim buf, brok op, brok dong (Collapse) v.
Wahn big brok op, laik bam brigidim buf, er brok dong, a wahn sistim, schrokcha, bizniz, instityooshan, er sohnting els.

Blak Mango (Black Mangrove) (Avicennia germinans Linnaeus, 1764) n.
A. germinans da wahn smaal evagreen chree weh groa eenaa ayrya a di see weh taad deh aha weh deli leee bit op fahn weh di red mango deh deh. Yu ku noa dehnya chree eeen-wan sayka di lata root paat weh luk laik pensil (dehn kaal dis pneumatophores), aha wahn stik owt fahn di grong, aha gi aksijin tu di mahngl. Blak mango ku groa op tu 12 m wid tik, rong tap aha branch weh speed owt. Di leef pahn neks paat 5-11 cm lang aha 0.5-0.75 cm waid. Smaal (1 cm) wait flowaz deh aal yaa, aha groa eenaa bonch, wid wahn flat froot weh ga wan seed. Di nayhn, blak mango, da sayka di daak kala a di haatwud.

Eekosistim (Ecosystem) n.
Di hoal mek-op a di livin aaganizm dehn, weh inklood di laif er absens a laif eenaa dehn livin spays, plos aal di way dehn kanek wid eech ada eenaa wahn set yoonit a spays.

Enerji weh noh Don Owt (Renewable Energy) n.

Faasl Fyoowil (Fossil Fuel) n.

Hai-asid Oashan (Ocean Acidification) n.
Wen di pH a di oashan waata goh dong soh dat di asid eenaa di waata goh op bowt 30 persent. Dis da sayka di kyaaban daiyaksai (CO₂) eenaa di oashan mi gaan op.
**Harikayn, Horikayn** (Hurricane) n.
Kaina staam weh dehn kaal chrapikal saikloan weh staat oava waam waata eena di chrapiks er sobchrapiks ahn weh ga win weh reech op tu 74 mph. Eena di naat hemisfayr di win dehn ton rong ahn rong bakway-klakwaiz, wail eena di sowt hemisfayr, di win dehn ton rong ahn rong klakwaiz.

**Ihroazhan; grong/lan wash weh** (Erosion) n.
Wen di tap a di Ert wash weh lee bit bai lee bit sayka di win, glayshal moavment, waata, meenin rayn, waata rong-aaf, riva, schreem, korant, wayv, ahn flod. Ihroazhan inklood wen di rak dehn er nada mateeryal staat wyaa weh een a hahn wahrzahn ahs dehn geh moav tu wahn nada plays.

**Klaimat Chaynj** (Climate Change) n.

**Kulpit** (Culprit) n.
Sohnbadi weh mek wahn problam hapn er hoo du sohnting, er hoo akyooz a wahn krai.

**Kyaaban Daiyaksaid** (Carbon Dioxide) n.
Wahn gyas weh tika dan ayaa ahn weh faam wen wan kyaaban atom ahn too aksijin atom geh tugeda. Ih geh mek wen di mateeryal dehn wid kyaabn bon op. Dis inklood faasl fyoowil weh ferment, aaganik mateeryal weh brok dong, ahn ih haph een aaganizm een di ayaa when dehn breed [tek een ayaa ahn push owt ayaa—noh gu pikni!]. Di ayaa tek een CO\textsubscript{2} chroo di plaat dehn; wi kaal dis foatosintisis. Wen dis haph aksijin geh mek tu. CO\textsubscript{2} da wan a di mayn kaaz a di greenhows ihfek. Pahn tap, ih mek di oashan dehn ga moa asid, sayka kyaaban asid faam wen di CO\textsubscript{2} brok dong eena di oashan waata.

**Mango** (Mangrove) n.
Wahn chrapikal er sobchrapikal chree er shrob weh ku talaray salt aan ahn weh groa een di paat a di koas weh taid kohn een ahn owt, langsaed crik, saalit swamp, er modi grong. Yu ku noa dehnya plays sayka dehn ga saalit waata ahn taid evriday. Plos dehn ga grong wid san weh no ga ayaa (kaal anaerobic soil), ahn schrang sonlait. Soh mek dehn ku liv anda dehnya kaina kandishan, di mangro dehn divelop sohn chaynj, laik leef weh push owt salt, wahn ting (kaal vivipary). Dis meen dat seed staat groa wen ih stil deh pahn di mada chree, ahn di tap-a-waata mahngl sistim, weh evribadi noa dehn fa. Lata speeshiz ga root weh Yu ku si tap a di waata ahn dis dehn sopoat een a di saaf sediment. Plos ih help dehn noh tek een salt. Ahn di root help dehn tek een aksijin fahn di ayaa chroo speshal root schrokcha weh mek dehn breed ayaa (kaal pneumatophores) sayka dehn ga hoal (kaal lenticels) weh mek dehn breed ayaa.

Mango protek di shoar, kech ahn hoal di sediment, mek waata kwaliti beta, ahn provaid di eekosistim dehn. Dis werd mango also yooz fu meen bush ayraa ful a mango.
Moloks (Mollusks) n.
Lata difrant kaina no-bakboan animal weh bilangz tu di saizabl animal groop nayhn *Mollusca* ((fahn di Latin werd *molluscus*, “saaf”). Yu ku noa dehn sayka dehn ga saaf badi weh no brok op eena paatz, ahn moas a dehn ga wahn shel weh kova dehn, mek fahn kalsum kyaabanet. Aal moloks ga wahn hed; wahn eensaid wid haat ahn aagan fi breed ayaa, aagan fi mek pikni, fi dajjis food, ahn fi geh rid a dehn ways; plos dehn foot gah nof mosl fu mek dehn moav bowt. Pahn tap, dehn ga wahn nervos sistim, wahn chroo chroo badi kaviti weh ful a flooyid (kaal *coelom*), ahn wahn mantl, er waal pahn di tap a di bak weh kova aal weh deh eensaid. Da di mantl weh mek di kalsyum shel eena moas speeshiz. Moloks ga moa dan 100,000 speeshiz weh don diskraib. Moloks da di sekan animal groop weh ga so moch difrant kain eena ih groop. Di fos animal groop wid di moas difrant kain eena ih groop kaal *Arthropoda* [animal laik aants, beez, spaida, ahn soh]. Moloks inklood weh wi kaal *gastropods* (snayl, slog, konk), *cephalopods* (skwid, aktapus, wahn kozn tu skwid (kaal *nautilus*), *bivalves* (klam, aista, skyalop, mosl), ahn soh nada groop haadli enibadi andastan bowt gud. Wi tink dat *cephalopods* da di smaatis no-bakboan animal ahn dehn da wahn ekzampl a how wi kohn fi noa bowt ahn fi andastan animal oava di yaaz.

Plays Weh Bod Liv; nes (Rookery) n.
Di plays weh sohn bod ahn mareen mamal liv; dehn geh tugeda deh ahn ga dehn pikni deh.

Shaat Mowt Dowicha (Short-billed Dowitcher) (*Limnodromus griseus* Gmelin, 1789) n.
Wahn bigish tu saizabl lang-mowt shoabod weh maigrayt fu spen winta pahn di modi flat paat a di koas ahn eena brekish lagoon.

Shoa Bod (Wading Birds) n.
Waata bod, speshali dehn wan weh bilangz tu di Big Groop kaal *Charadriiformes*, wicxin wi noa seh dehnnya ga lang leg, nek, ahn mowt weh help dehn waak chroo shalo waata er eena mod fi fain food.

Staam Waata Rosh Op (Storm Surge) n.
Wahn raiz a see level weh mek di koas flod. Dis hapn sayka di schrang serfis win ahn loa presha eena di ayaa, laik di kaina weda weh wi tink bowt wen wi tink a harikayn.

**Glossary**

Black Mangrove (Blak Mangro) (*Avicennia germinans* Linnaeus, 1764) n.
*A. germinans* is a small evergreen tree growing in tidal areas slightly upland from red mangrove colonies. Trees are easily identified by the numerous pencil-like root structures called pneumatophores protruding from the soil around them, which provide oxygen to the root system. Black mangroves may reach up to 12 m in height with dense, rounded crowns and spreading branches. Opposite leaves are 5-11 cm long and 0.5-0.75 cm wide. Small (1 cm) white flowers appear year-round, growing in clusters and are followed by a flattened fruit containing one seed. The name, black mangrove, comes from the dark color of the heartwood.

Carbon Dioxide (Kyaaban Daiyaksaid) (*CO₂*) n.
A gas that is denser than air and is formed by the combination of one carbon atom and two oxygen atoms. It is produced in combustion of materials containing carbon including fossil fuels, in fermentation, decay of organic materials, and in respiration of aerobic organisms. *CO₂* is absorbed from the air by plants in photosynthesis, while oxygen is produced as a by-product. *CO₂* is one of the main causes of the greenhouse effect. It also causes ocean acidification as it forms carbonic acid when it dissolves in water.
Climate Change (Klaimat Chaynj) n.
A periodic change in the Earth’s climate system over a long period of time. The most recent change is caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels that lead to global warming due to increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂. An increase of 2°C in global average temperatures may lead to catastrophic climate change. According to World Wildlife Fund (WWF), increasing temperatures are causing the frequency and intensity of severe weather events around the world, resulting in melting glaciers, rising sea levels, and new weather patterns.

Collapse (Brok op, brok dong, bam brigidim buf) v, n.
A severe failure or breakdown, or complete destruction of a system, structure, business, institution, or something else.

Culprit (Kulprit) n.
Someone who is responsible for a problem or for doing something, or that is accused of a crime.

Ecosystem (Eekosistim) n.
The complex of living organisms, their abiotic and biotic environment, and all their relationships and interactions as a system in a particular unit of space.

Erosion (Ihroazhan; grong/lan wash weh) n.
The gradual wearing down of material from the Earth’s surface caused by the wind, glacial processes, and water, e.g., rainfall, runoff, rivers, streams, currents, waves, and floods. Erosion includes the weathering of rock or other material in one location and their transport to another point.

Fossil Fuel (Combustible Fósil; Faasl Fyoowil) n.
Fuel derived from hydrocarbon-containing materials of biological origin formed in the Earth by natural processes. Fossil fuels include coal, petroleum, natural gas, tar sands, and heavy crude oil. They are considered the biggest driver of climate change as their burning produces several billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year.

Hurricane (Harikayn, Horikayn) n.
Type of storm called a tropical cyclone that originates over warm tropical or subtropical waters and which has winds that reach a speed of 74 mph. In the northern hemisphere winds rotate counterclockwise, while in the southern hemisphere the rotation is clockwise.

Invertebrates (Invertebrados) n. /adj.
A multicellular animal without a vertebral column or backbone. Invertebrates form the most numerous group of animals, as they contain approximately 97 percent of all animal species and include many phyla, including Porifera (sponges), Cnidaria (coral, jellyfish, anemones), Platyhelminthes (flatworms), Nematoda (roundworms), Annelida (segmented worms such as earthworms), Mollusca (snails, squid, octopus), Arthropoda (insects, spiders, crabs), Echinodermata (starfish, sea cucumbers).

Mangrove (Mangro) n.
A tropical or subtropical salt-tolerant tree or shrub that grows in the coastal intertidal zone along estuaries, in salt marshes, and on muddy grounds. These areas are characterized by having saline water, daily tides, anaerobic soil, and intense sunlight. To be able to survive under these conditions, mangroves have developed several adaptations, such as leaves that excrete salt, vivipary which means that seed
germination begins while still being attached to the parent tree, and their characteristic aerial root systems. Many species have roots that are exposed over the water to provide structural support in the soft sediment, exclude salt, and absorb oxygen from the air through specialized respiratory root structures called pneumatophores which contain breathing pores or lenticels.

Mangroves protect shorelines, trap sediments, improve water quality, and they provide ecosystems. The term mangrove also applies to forests or vegetation of such plants.

**Mollusks** (Moloks Mollusks or Molluscs) n.
Invertebrates belonging to the large and diverse phylum Mollusca (from the Latin molluscus, “soft”) characterized by having a soft unsegmented body which in most species is completely or partly covered by a calcium carbonate shell. All mollusks have a head; a visceral mass containing the heart and organs of respiration, reproduction, digestion, and excretion; and a muscular foot used for locomotion. They also have a nervous system, a true coelom, i.e. a body cavity filled with fluids, and a mantle or dorsal body wall covering the visceral mass. In most species, the calcareous shell is secreted by the mantle. With more than 100,000 described species Mollusca is the second most diverse animal phylum after Arthropoda. Mollusks include gastropods (snails, slugs, conch), cephalopods (squid, octopus, nautilus), bivalves (clams, oysters, scallops, mussels), and a few obscure groups. Cephalopods are considered to be the most intelligent invertebrates and an example of how the process of acquiring knowledge and understanding has evolved in animals.

**Ocean Acidification** (Hai-asid Oashan) n.
A decrease of the pH of ocean water that represents an increase in water acidity of approximately 30 percent, resulting from an increased concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the ocean.

**Renewable Energy** (Enerji weh noh Don Owt) n.
Energy that is obtained from renewable sources, including the sun, wind, tides, rivers, hot springs, biomass, among others. It is also known as clean energy because unlike energy derived from burning of fossil fuels, it does not produce environmental pollution. Some types of renewable energy include solar energy, wind energy, hydroelectric power, and geothermal energy.

**Rookery** (Plays Weh Bod Liv; nes) n.
The breeding ground of some birds and marine mammals that nest in colonies or congregate to breed.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** (Shaat Mowt Dowicha) (Limnodromus griseus Gmelin, 1789) n.
A medium to large, long-billed, migratory shorebird that spends the winter on coastal mud flats and brackish lagoons.

**Storm Surge** (Staam Waata Rosh Op) n.
An elevation of sea level that produces a coastal flood and is caused by the strong surface winds and low atmospheric pressures associated with tropical cyclones.

**Substrate** (Anda-paat) n.
A surface or underlying material that provides an organism with a place to live, grow, or obtain food.
**Underwater Habitat (Andawaata Habitat) n.**
The place or environment under the water surface where a species, species populations, or one or several communities live. These habitats include the abiotic and biotic components of the surrounding underwater environment.

**Wading Birds (Shoa Bod) n.**
Aquatic birds, especially those belonging to the Order Charadriiformes, which are characterized by having long legs, necks, and bills which help with, wading or walking through water or mud in search for food.


Principal Investigator Robby Thigpen presenting his research on the artisanal fisheries of the western Caribbean at a teachers’ workshop on Spanish Lookout Caye in Belize, Central America. Photo by Celeste Castillo and Alyssa Majil.
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