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Teaching learning material

Class: 9th      Subject: Geography

Chapter: Natural Vegetation and Wildlife

Mangrove Forests

Mangroves are trees that live along tropical coastlines, rooted in salty sediments, often underwater.

The mangrove tidal forests are found in the areas of coasts influenced by tides. Mud and silt get accumulated on such coasts.

Dense mangroves are the common varieties with roots of the plants submerged underwater.

Sundari trees are found in Ganga-Brahmaputra delta and provide hard timber.

Royal Bengal Tiger is a famous animal in these forests.

Wildlife

India is rich in its fauna.

Elephants are found in the hot wet forests of Assam, Karnataka and Kerala.

One-horned rhinoceroses are found in Assam and West Bengal.

Rann of Kachchh is the habitat for wild ass whereas the Thar Desert is the habitat for camels.

The natural habitat of the Indian lion is the Gir forest in Gujarat.

Tigers are found in the forests of Madhya Pradesh, the Sundarbans of West Bengal and the Himalayan region.

Ladakh's freezing high altitudes are home to yak, the shaggy horned wild ox, the Tibetan antelope, the bharal (blue sheep), wild sheep, and the kiang (Tibetan wild ass).

In the rivers, lakes and coastal areas, turtles, crocodiles and gharials are found.

Peacocks, pheasants, ducks, parakeets, cranes and pigeons are some of the birds inhabiting the forests and wetlands of the country.

Cause of Major Threat to flora and fauna

Every species has an important role in the ecosystem. Hence, conservation of flora and fauna is essential. About 1,300 plant species are endangered and 20 species are extinct. The main causes of this major threat to nature are:

Hunting for commercial purposes  
Pollution due to chemical and industrial waste  
Rapidly cutting of the forests for cultivation and habitation  
Government Initiative to Protect Flora and  
fauna.

Read the above passage throughly and try to understand and give the answer of the following questions

- 1.What is the Mangrove forests?
- 2.Name the Important Trees and Animals of Mangrove forests .
- 3.Which forest is the Natural habitat of the Indian Lion.
- 4.How many Plant species are endangered.
- 5.Write the main cause of threat of Flaura and fauna.

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