



MANATEE TALES VOCABULARY LIST

Buffer Zone: an area of land designated for environmental protection

Conservation: the act of protecting Earth's natural resources for current and future generations

Conservationist: a person who acts for the protection of the environment and wildlife

Developer: person or company who buys land and builds houses, offices, resorts, etc.

Drought: an extended period of unusually dry weather when there is not enough rain

Ecotourism: tourism intended to support local conservation efforts and observe wildlife while respecting local people and culture

Environmental Guide: expert who leads tour groups to teach about nature and conservation

Environmentalist: a person who advocates for the protection of the environment

Fishers: people who make their living catching fish

Gillnets: large fishing nets that are hung in the water to trap fish by their gills

Habitat: the natural home of an animal, plant or organism

Lagoon: a calm stretch of salt water separated from the sea by a low sandbank or coral reef

Marine Sanctuary: protected waters that include important habitats for wildlife

Oyster Collector: person who makes a living collecting and selling oysters

Researcher: person whose job is to study a subject carefully

Site Fidelity: the tendency for an animal to repeatedly return to and utilize the same specific location or area

Tourism: the business of encouraging people to visit places for enjoyment and vacation