

Marine Ecology Crossword Puzzle Key

Across

1. The amount of dissolved salts in water **Salinity**
2. A tropical inshore habitat made up of several species of trees or shrubs that grows in salt water
Mangrove Forest
3. A rock like structure built over thousands of years by tiny coral that creates homes for thousands of plants and animals
Coral reef
4. A person who studies marine organisms and the marine environment in which they are found **Marine Ecologist**
6. Small ant sized marine organism that often live in colonies
9. An animal that lives by eating other organism **Coral**
10. Animals that obtain their food by filtering particles out of the water **Filter feeders**
11. A simple multicellular filter feeding marine organism
12. An animal that is hunted for food **Sponges**
13. The study of how animals live together and how the animals use their environment **Ecology**
14. Small algae that live within the tissues of coral
Zooxanthellae

Down

1. Shallow sea bottom areas covered by flowering plants that have adapted to live underwater **Seagrass community**
5. The destruction of the places where animals live through human impact or natural disasters **Habitat destruction**
7. An underwater research facility where scientist can conduct research on the marine ecosystem. **Aquarius**
8. Cloudiness and color in water due to the presence of small particles like dirt, soil, sand, algae, etc. **Turbidity**