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# **Habitats of the World**

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Polar bears



Macaws



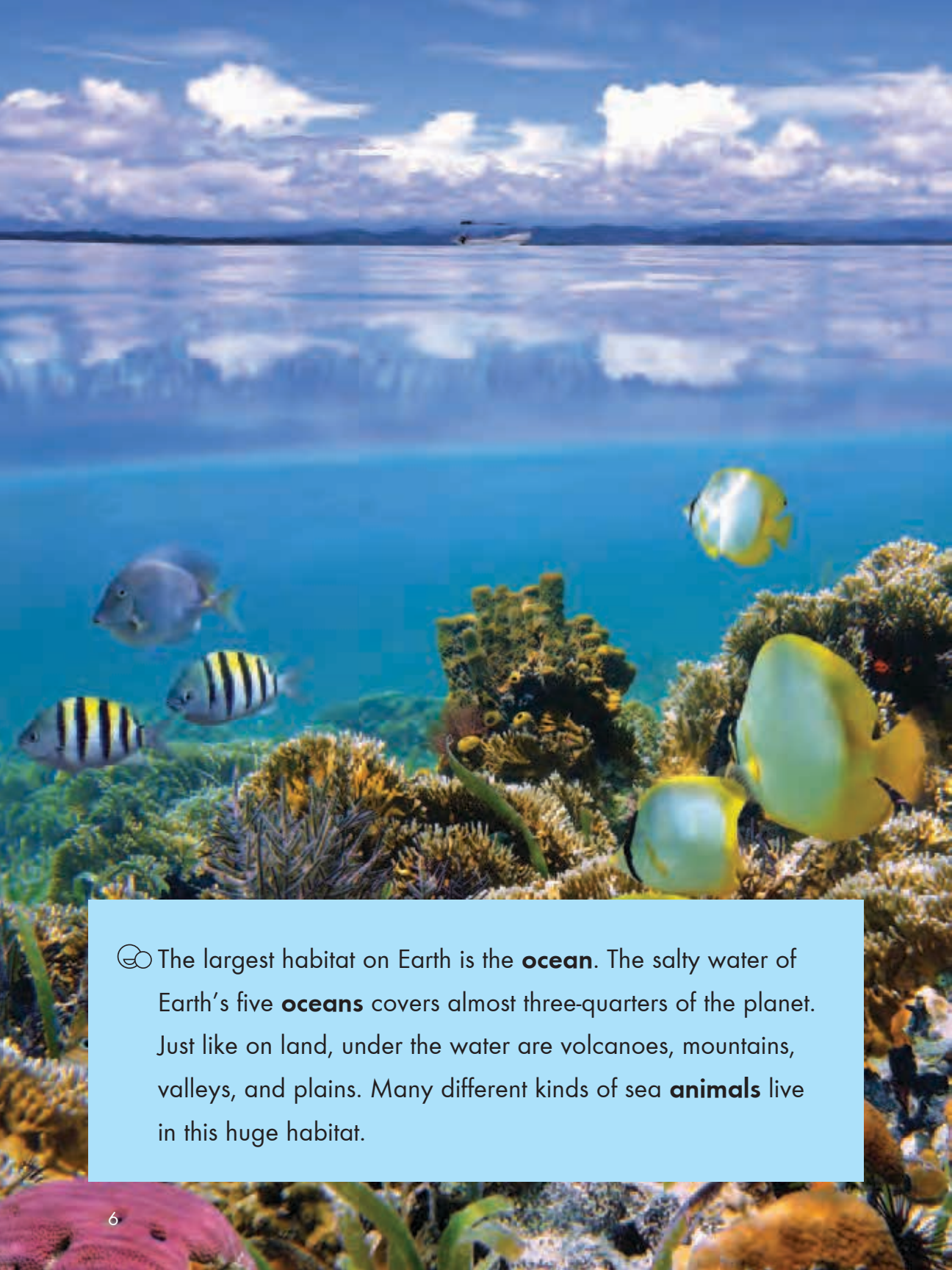
Alpaca

🌐 Earth has a huge variety of environments where animals can live. The place where an animal lives is called its **habitat**. A habitat provides the right water, food, and shelter for its native wildlife.



☺ Some **habitats** are cold. Some are hot. Some habitats have a lot of water. Some do not.





🌐 The largest habitat on Earth is the **ocean**. The salty water of Earth's five **oceans** covers almost three-quarters of the planet. Just like on land, under the water are volcanoes, mountains, valleys, and plains. Many different kinds of sea **animals** live in this huge habitat.



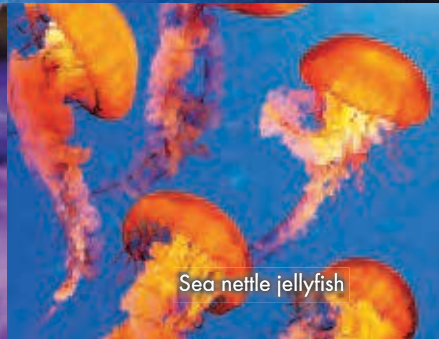
Humpback whale



Goatfishes



Copperband  
butterfly fish



Sea nettle jellyfish

🗨️ Some **animals** in the **ocean** are big. Some are not. A lot are fish, but some are not.



Stony corals

🌀 **Coral** reefs provide a habitat near the shore, where the water is shallow and warm. The reefs sustain over a thousand types of colorful fish as well as dolphins, turtles, sharks, and rays. There are many different kinds of **corals**, and they are all living organisms that can grow and change.



Green sea turtle



Acroporidae  
stony coral



Soft corals and Caribbean reef shark



Various corals and purple tube sponge in foreground

🌀 **Corals** may look like plants,  
but they are animals.





☉ Ocean water is salty. The rest of the water on Earth is called freshwater. Lakes are one kind of freshwater habitat. Many plants and animals, as well as many people, depend on the salt-free water of lakes to **live**.



Rainbow trout

☁️ Some animals **live** in the lake.  
Some animals live on the banks.



River otters



🌐 **Rivers** provide another kind of freshwater habitat. Some animals live in or near the **river**, while others only go there to drink and cool themselves.



Grizzly bear

 Bears get fish from the **river**.  
Lions drink from the river.



Lioness and cubs