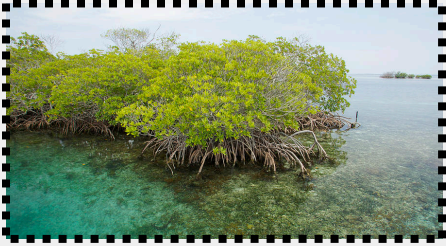






Step:	Life Cycle Pictures:	Life Cycle Step Description:
1	<p>Adult red mangroves are usually found in large groups near the shore. They have long, rounded roots called "prop roots." This plant gets their nickname "walking trees" from the way their roots grow. A healthy adult mangrove is needed to make new mangroves!</p>	
2	<p>Adult mangrove trees first produce small, yellow flowers. These flowers are the first thing that grows from a mangrove plant.</p>	
3	<p>After yellow flowers have grown, they produce very small mangrove plants called propagules. Propagules are very similar to seeds. The main difference between the two is that propagules are ready to grow even when they are attached to the parent plant.</p>	
4	<p>Once the propagules have fully developed, they drop from the parent plant and float away with the current to start a new plant.</p>	
5	<p>Since the propagule has already germinated while being attached to the parent plant, it is ready to begin growing immediately! It starts off as a small individual plant but quickly grows to look like its parent plant.</p>	
6	<p>Finally, a new, small mangrove plant has grown and will repeat the process again.</p>	