

## WATERLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Natural Science &amp; Technology Grade 6 Term 2 2020

**NOTES ON WETLANDS, SWAMPS, MANGROVE SWAMPS, VLEIS, MARSHES****p96**

Name	Description	Examples
Wetland	An area covered with shallow water most of year, supports wide variety of animal- and plant-life	#St Lucia Wetlands in KwaZulu Natal Orange River Mouth, Namibia Everglades in Florida USA
Swamp	A low-lying, forested, uncultivated area where water collects	Okavango Swamp, Botswana. Amazon River floodplain, South America
Mangrove swamp	A coastal swamp (salty water) where mangrove trees grow, lots of entangled roots that grow above the ground. Sometimes called a tidal swamp. Protect the environment from high-energy wave action	Beachwood Mangrove, Durban, KZN Kosi Estuary, KwaZulu Natal
Vlei	Low-lying, marshy ground, covered with water during the rainy season, shallow lake	Makuleke Vlei, KNP, Mpumalanga Nylsvlei, Waterberg, Limpopo
Marsh	Land that is covered in shallow water but has grasses, reeds etc growing in / around it. Found at edges of lakes and streams	Okavango Delta, Botswana Mekong, Vietnam
Bog / peatland bog / mire / quagmire / fen / moor	A wetland that accumulates peat (dead plant material esp mosses)	Northwest Province & Gauteng

# St Lucia has a name change to iSimangaliso Wetland

- You will have noticed that **all** the above are wetlands and in most instances there is one special feature- eg is found only in coastal areas, or has certain type of plants – eg mangroves, or grasses and reeds or forest trees. Mangrove swamps have salty water.