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## Worksheet: The Estuary

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**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate term from the word bank below.

1. The estuary environment is a type of environment where \_\_\_\_\_ and salt water mix.
2. A mixture of freshwater and salt water is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Estuaries are the most productive environment for \_\_\_\_\_ marine life.
4. A salt marsh community is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Decaying grasses in a salt marsh provides nutrients to support \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Part of an estuary characterized by dark, muddy sand and no grass is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Mudflats have limited life, but do contain \_\_\_\_\_ such as the mud snail and worms.
8. Microscopic organisms decomposing give the mudflat a \_\_\_\_\_ smell.
9. Mangrove Community grow in \_\_\_\_\_ climates.
10. Mangrove trees trap \_\_\_\_\_, which helps offshore coral reefs.