

# Wetland developments

## What is a wetland?

A wetland is an area that is natural or artificial, permanently, seasonally or temporarily flooded or an area with water that is static or flowing (fresh or salty).

## Examples of a wetland?

Taro patches, swamps, lakes, ponds, marshes and water storage reservoirs are some examples of a wetland.

## What are some common examples of wetland developments?

- Backfilling of wetlands for residential or commercial developments
- Artificial ponds

## What is the environmental impact of wetland developments?

- Loss of ecosystem habitat
- Threatens food security
- Pollutes the water table
- Affects the natural water filter system for our lagoons
- Severe flooding

## How can I ensure the wetland development does not impact the environment?


All types of developments on wetlands is required by law to go through a vetting process by the Environment Service, to ensure safety for the developer and neighbouring properties.

Eg: Technical and EIA reports.

## What happens when I do not meet the requirements regarding wetland development?

Any development on wetlands that do not meet the required environmental process is an offence with potential penalties imposed.

## Who can I contact for further assistance for development on wetlands?

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