

Instructional Segment	Aquatic Attributes	Disappearing Diversity
Grades 9-12 Program Synopsis	Water is a vital part of all organic matter. Water has unique properties that animals use to their advantage, such as the ability to walk on water, floating in various levels of the water column or absorption of elements. Experiment with water to discover how animals have adapted to it's different characteristics.	Our ecosystems are complex systems requiring biodiversity to properly function. Humans are reducing biodiversity in our oceans at alarming rates, disrupting the delicate balance within ecosystems. Students will propose solutions after discovering human impacts.
Key Terminology	 Water Tension Buoyancy Ecological Role Hypoxia Abiotic Factors 	 Biodiversity Trawl Net Fishing Habitat Degradation Biotic Homogenization Overfishing
Georgia Standards of Excellence	SEC1a. SEV4b.	SEC5d. SO7a.
Next Generation Science Standards	HS-LS2-6	HS-LS2-2

