

# Why are wetlands important?



# Did you know ...

- Wetlands provide an important habitat for endangered and native birds and fish

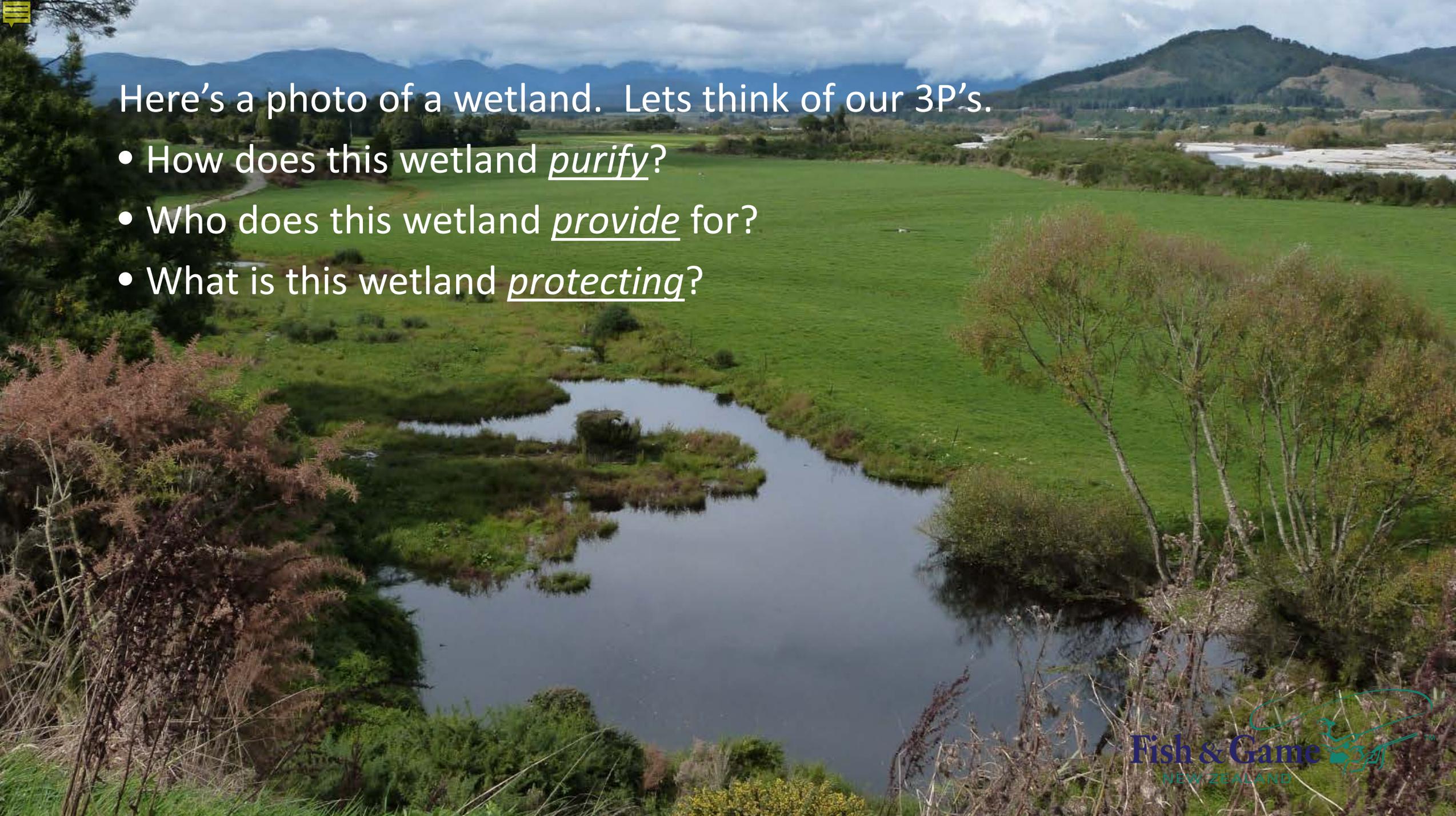
# How a wetland works



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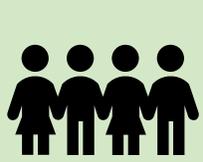
# The 3 Ps

- Purify
- Provide
- Protect



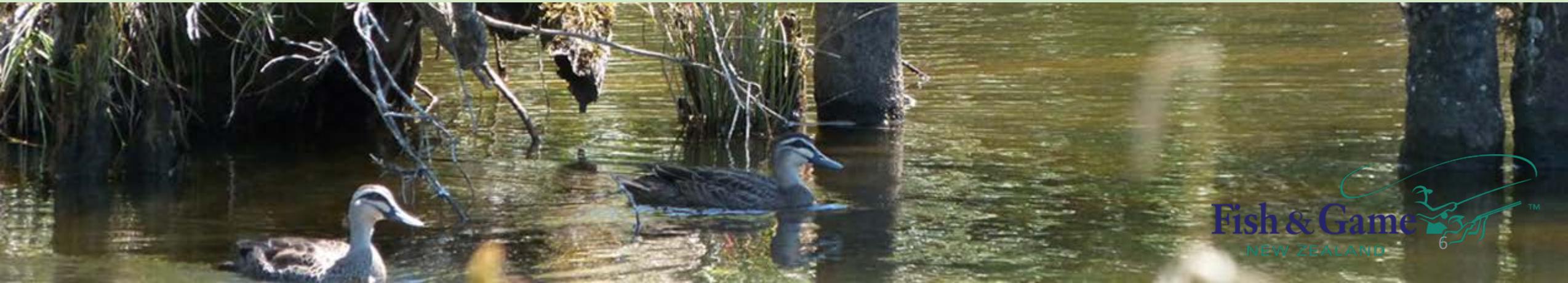
Here's a photo of a wetland. Lets think of our 3P's.

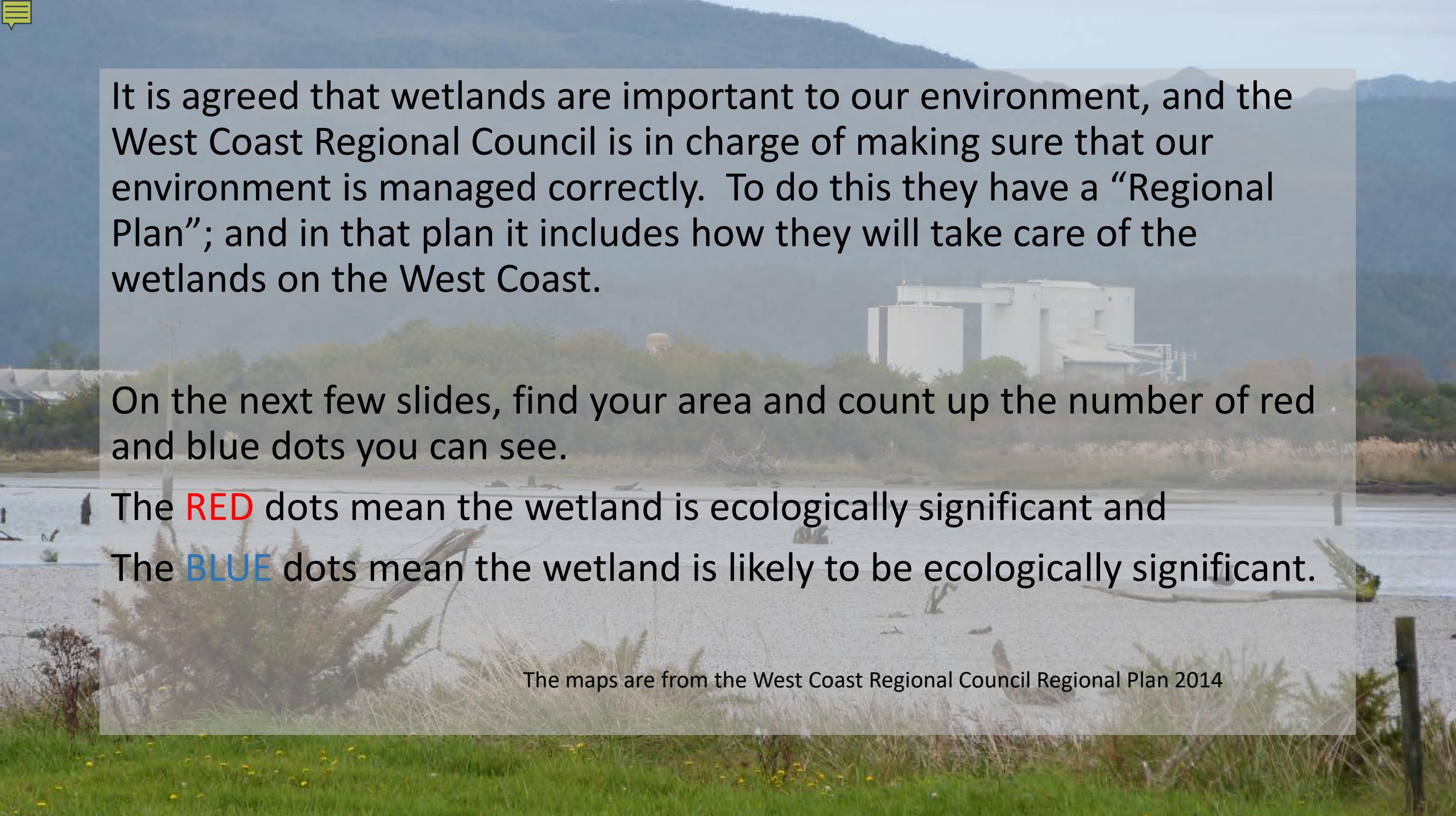
- How does this wetland purify?
- Who does this wetland provide for?
- What is this wetland protecting?



# Activity time

## Activity 2: How Wetlands Work



The background image shows a coastal wetland area with a large white building in the distance, surrounded by greenery and mountains under a clear sky. The foreground is a grassy field with some yellow flowers.

It is agreed that wetlands are important to our environment, and the West Coast Regional Council is in charge of making sure that our environment is managed correctly. To do this they have a “Regional Plan”; and in that plan it includes how they will take care of the wetlands on the West Coast.

On the next few slides, find your area and count up the number of red and blue dots you can see.

The **RED** dots mean the wetland is ecologically significant and

The **BLUE** dots mean the wetland is likely to be ecologically significant.

The maps are from the West Coast Regional Council Regional Plan 2014













