

WHAT IS EELGRASS?

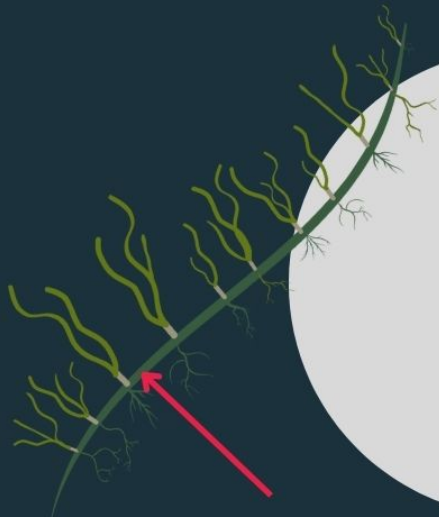


Eelgrass is an underwater plant and is home to a lot of really cool animals!

You can find lobster, starfish, shrimp, different fish, crabs, and more!

Eelgrass is unique because it has flowers that produce pollen!

This pollen floats in the water and pollinates other eelgrass plants, just like plants on land!



RHIZOME

Eelgrass also reproduces with something called a “rhizome”.

It kind of looks like a large root and connects a whole bunch of eelgrass shoots!

Here you can see a real rhizome!

This underground “stem” sprouts new eelgrass shoots along the ocean floor! This, combined with pollen, is how eelgrass reproduces!



HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF REAL EELGRASS!



Eelgrass is really important to our environment because it provides homes for lots of animals. It also stores carbon dioxide, which helps fight climate change!

HOW DO WE FIND THE EELGRASS?



Our amazing team of scientists go snorkeling and scuba diving to find eelgrass!



They collect some shoots and put them in baggies for replanting!