

To Whom It May Concern,

What I don't understand is why cut down these beautiful mangrove trees when there are many other places to put a beach hotel, or shrimp farms. What they don't know is that they're ruining many animals' lives and habitats.

Mangroves are the only tree that can grow in salt water. They help keep pollution down from roads so if you cut down a mangrove it's like you are like putting a whole dump truck of trash and dirt into the sea. And if you cut down mangroves it's less food for all the humans even if you're doing it for a shrimp farm. I bet they don't know that mangroves protect the shoreline from storms. Now I bet many people that cut down mangroves didn't know that other animals such as dolphins and manatees use this habitat for food. So it's not just fish that use the mangrove for a habitat. Sea turtles, flamingos, ibises and so much more it isn't funny. And I bet they're only doing it for money. Anyone that is so selfish to cut down mangroves should have to become one of the animals that use the mangrove for their habitat. And have to go through the same thing as the animals that lived in the mangrove that he/she cut down. And see how they like it.

Sincerely, *Kristen*

