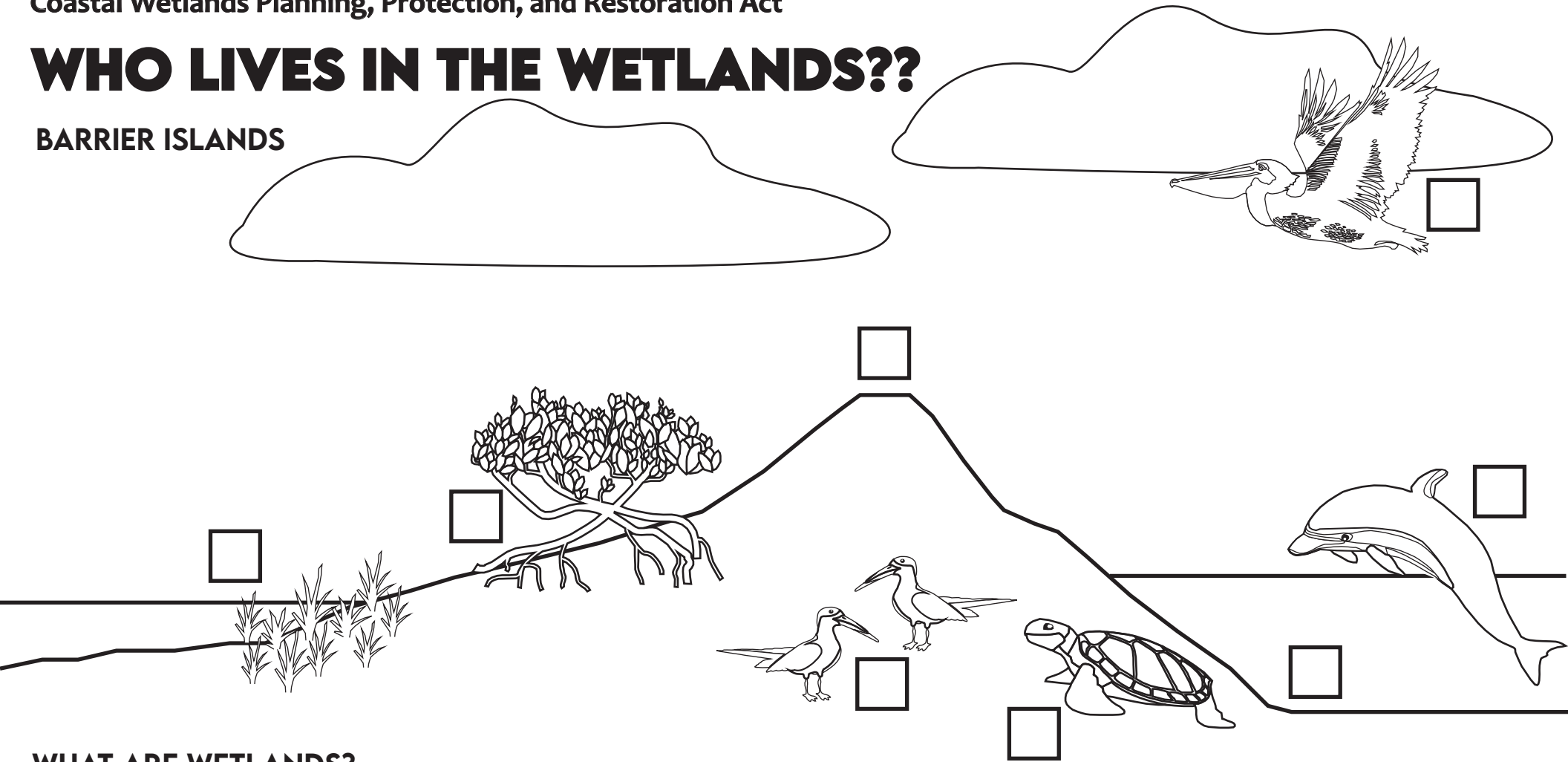


WHO LIVES IN THE WETLANDS??

BARRIER ISLANDS



WHAT ARE WETLANDS?

Wetlands are areas that are covered with water either part or all the time. Wetlands do many important things for people including holding extra flood water, providing recreational opportunities, and filtering out pollution. They also provide homes for many unique plants and animals.

Barrier Islands are a wetland made up of a long sliver of land that runs parallel to shore. They are hit first from incoming storms and protect inland communities. In addition to helping human communities, they are very important nesting sites for birds and sea turtles.

Color in the barrier island above and label the wetland feature, plants and animals from the list below!

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| 1. Brown Pelican | 3. Black Skimmer | 5. Back Barrier Marsh | 7. Black Mangrove |
| 2. Green Sea Turtle | 4. Sand Dune | 6. Gulf of Mexico | 8. Dolphins |