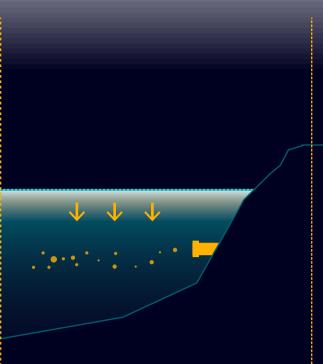
# Causes & Impacts of Habitat Destruction



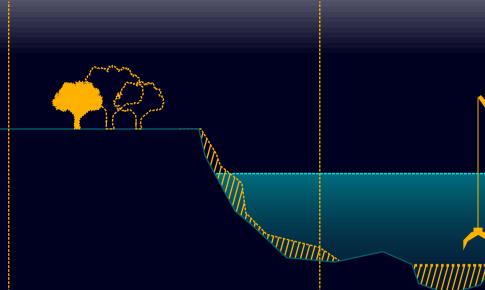
## Runoff

Dead zones from eutrophication can be caused by agricultural and urban runoff or sewage.



### **Development**

Habitat is removed for development purposes, including buildings, foreshores, roads and bridges, marinas, aquaculture, and reclamation for agriculture.

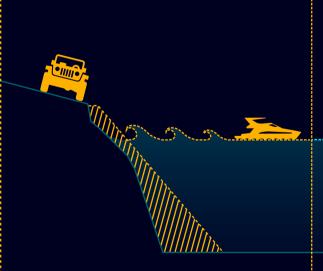


#### Vegetation Removal

Logging and vegetation removal can damage or destroy habiats and also introduce sediments from soil erosion occurring at the coast or farther up watersheds.

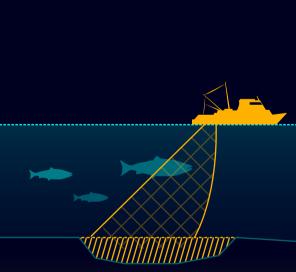


Dredging and extractive operations remove habitat and also introduce sediments into the water column.



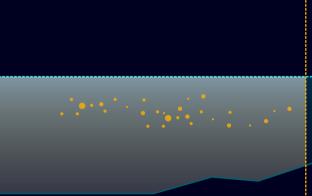
## Uncontrolled Access

Uncontrolled coastal access (e.g. off-road vehicles, boat wash) can result in erosion of dunes and foreshores.



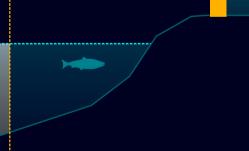
## **Bottom Trawling**

Heavy nets dragged over the bottom can disturb, damage or destroy habitats.



#### Sediment Suspension

Removal of habitat may result in increased sediment resuspension.



## **Impoundments**

Impoundments (e.g. tidal barrage) can change the salinity of a habitat by changing the cycles or balance of salt and fresh water inputs. Impoundments can also restrict migrations in and out of the habitat.