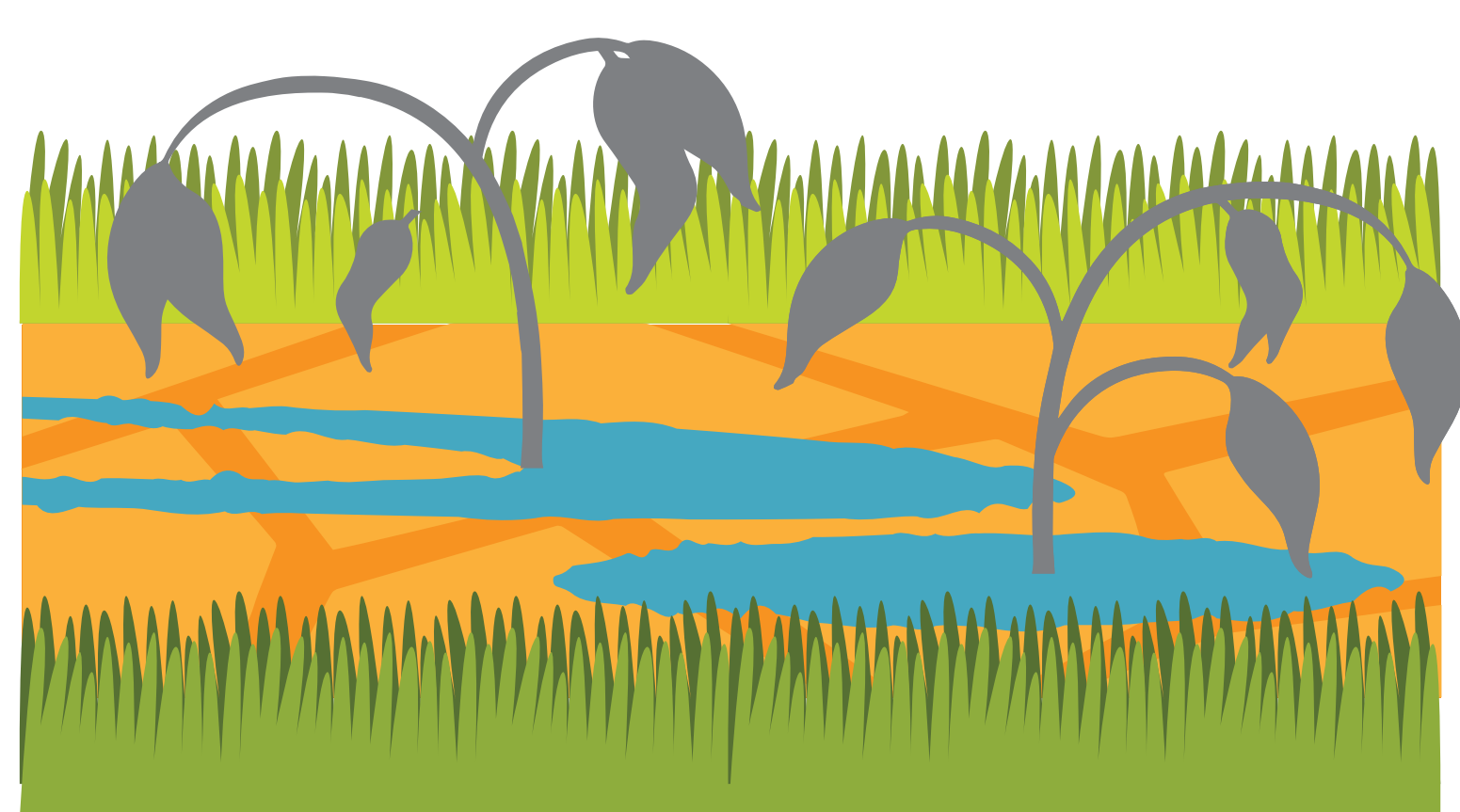


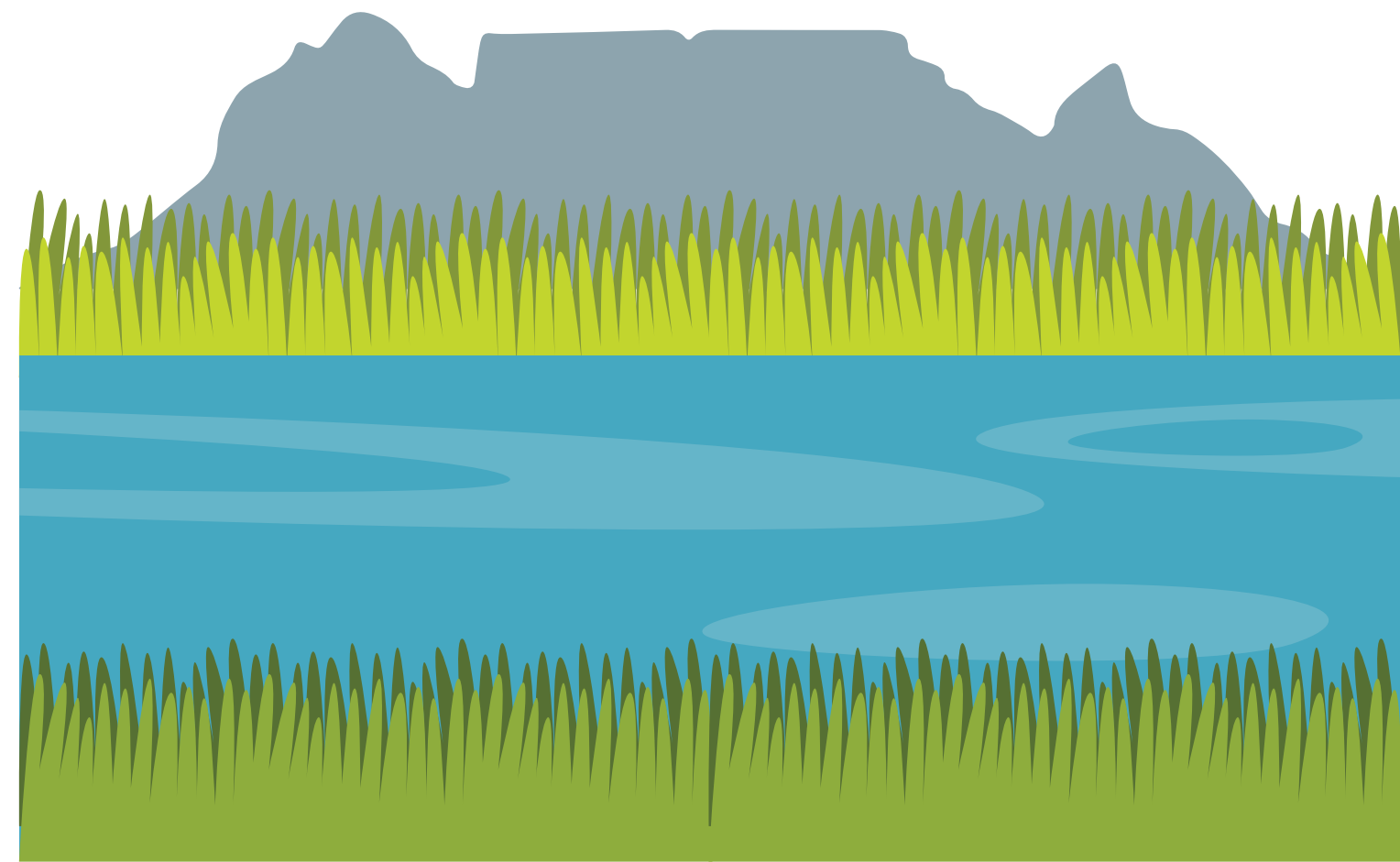
Wetlands

are important for our ecosystem

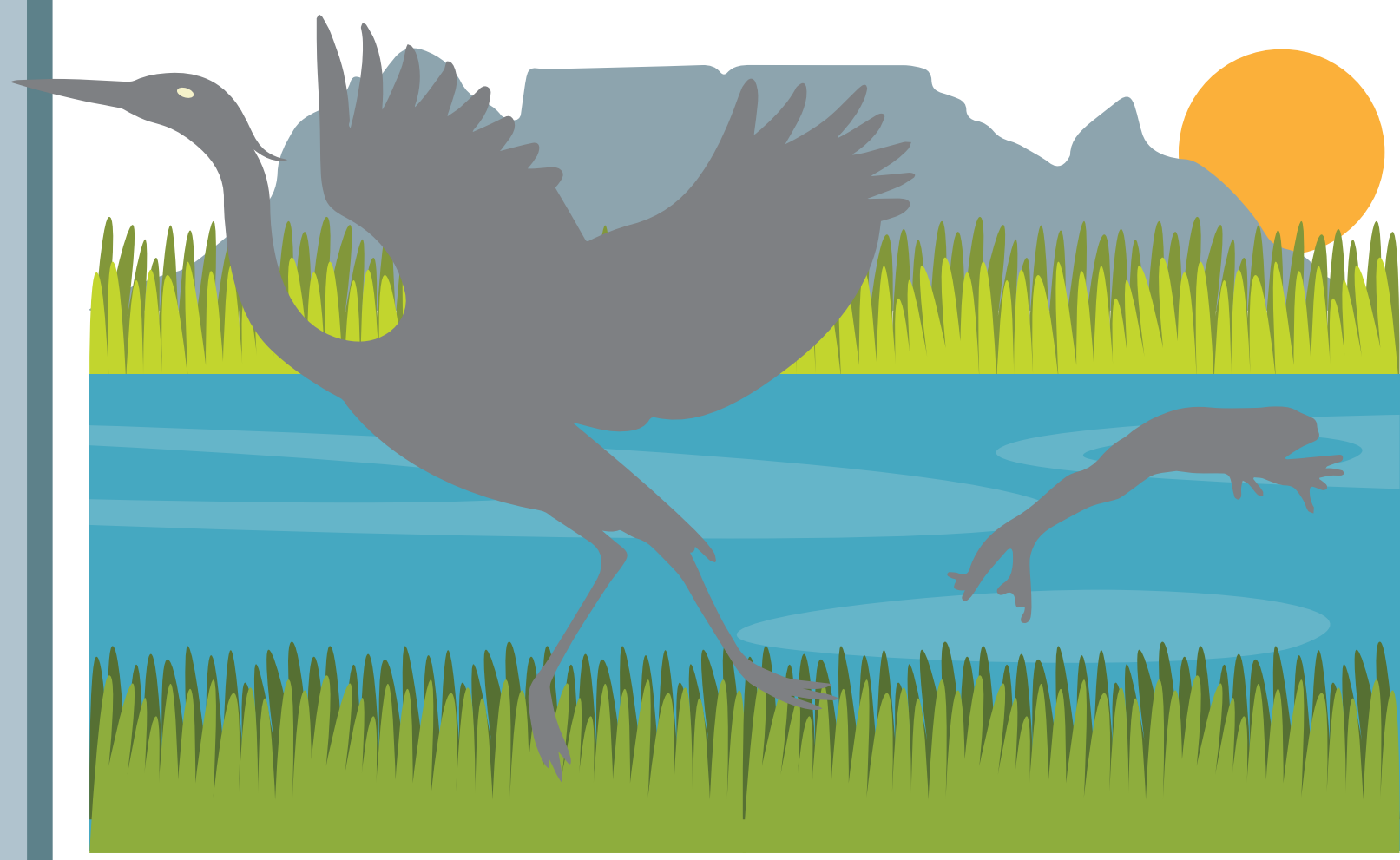
They're natural habitats for rare birds, fish and unique animal species. Unfortunately wetlands are constantly under threat. Here are 5 reasons why we should preserve our wetlands.

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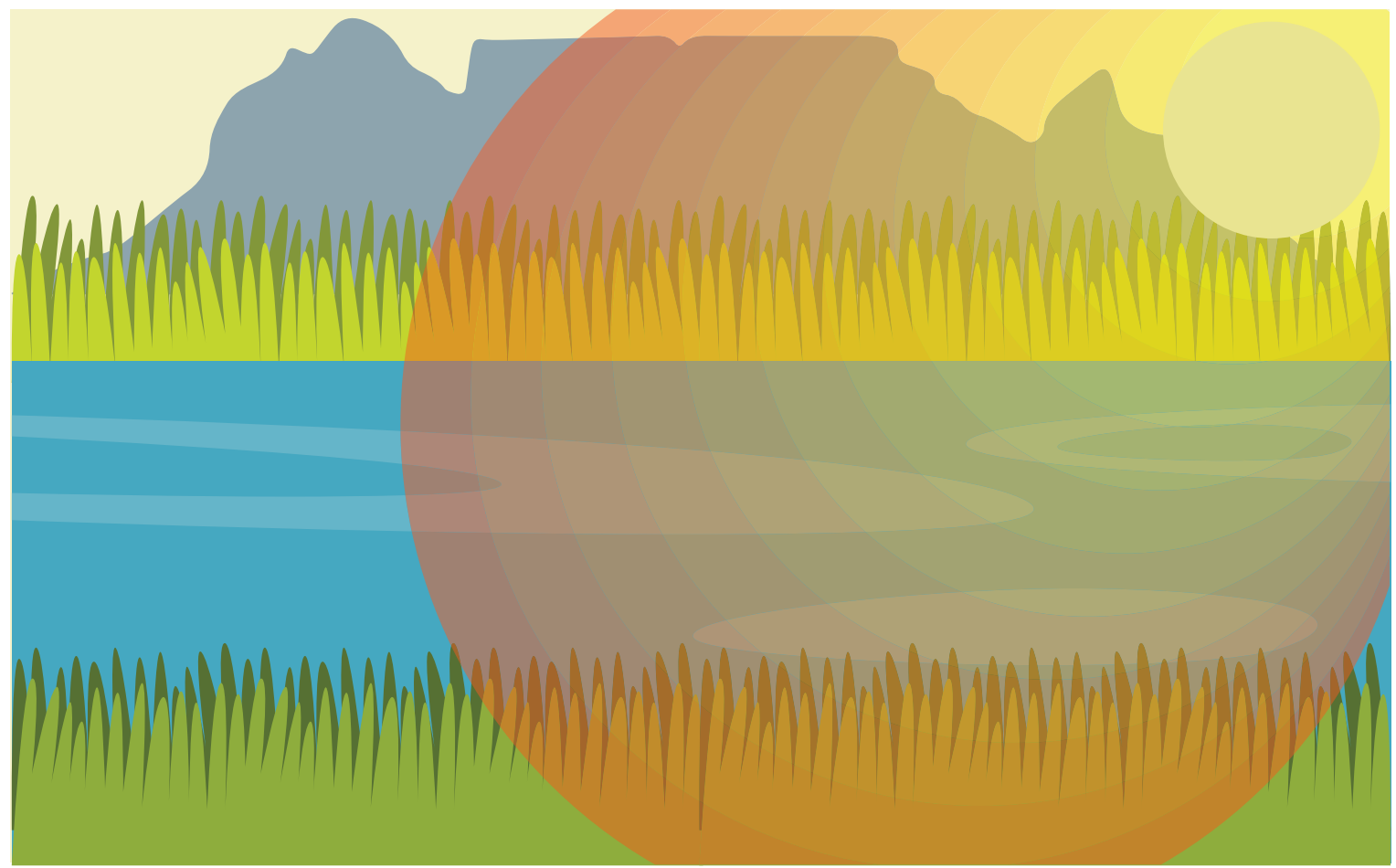
Wetlands **trap sediment** and **purifies water** by removing pollutants. Wetlands also **store water** which can help **during a drought**.

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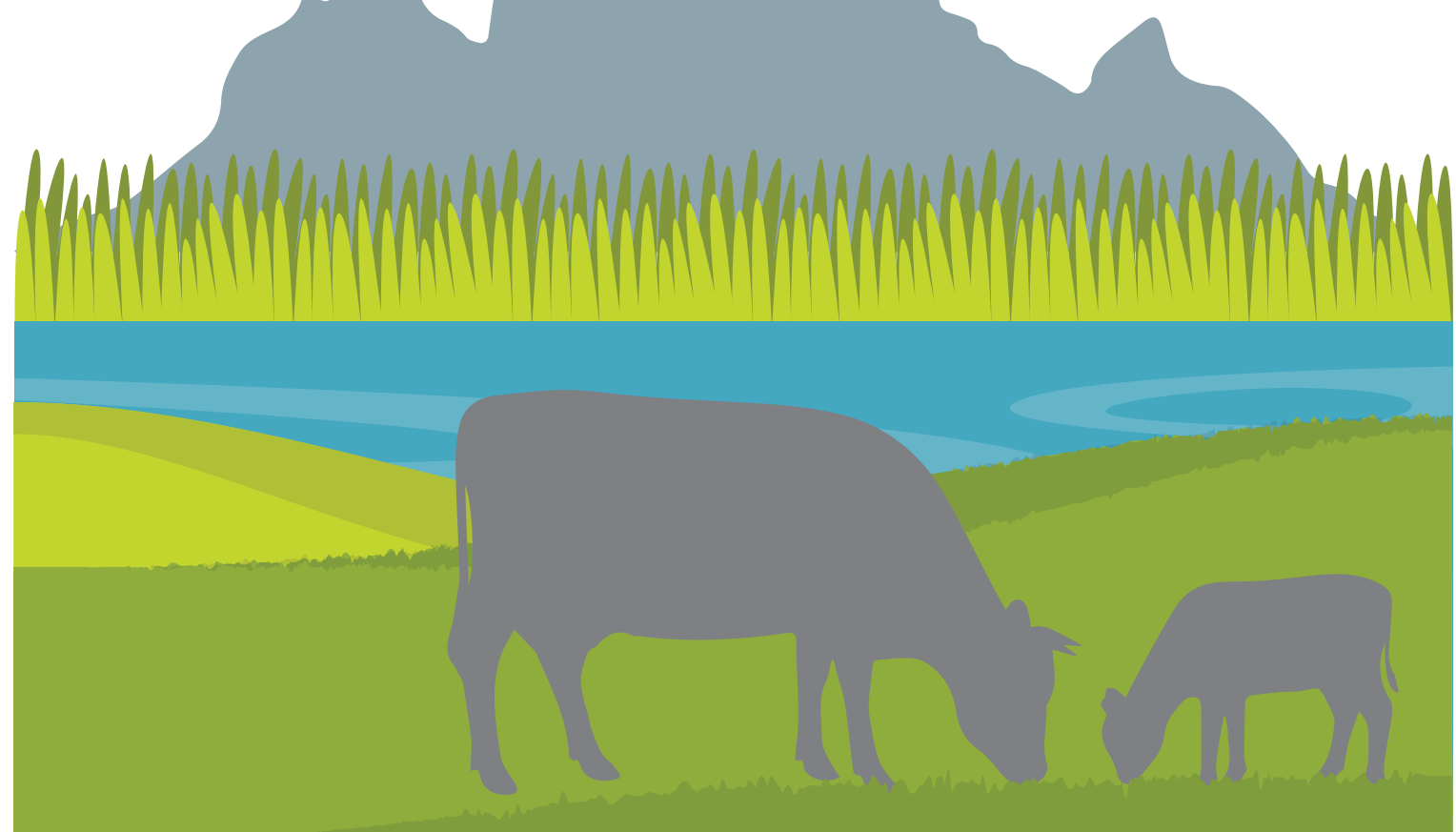
When **riverbanks overflow**, wetlands **absorb excess water** which helps **prevent flooding**.

3

Wetlands **provide safe homes** for many **different animals** (some of which are endangered) such as **herons, spoonbills, flamingos**, and amphibians such as **frogs**.

4

Wetlands **store carbon dioxide** which **helps slow** the impact of **climate change**.

5

Wetlands **provide fertile ground** for **livestock grazing** when practised in **sustainable ways**.