

WHO EATS WHAT?

WETLAND FOOD CHAINS

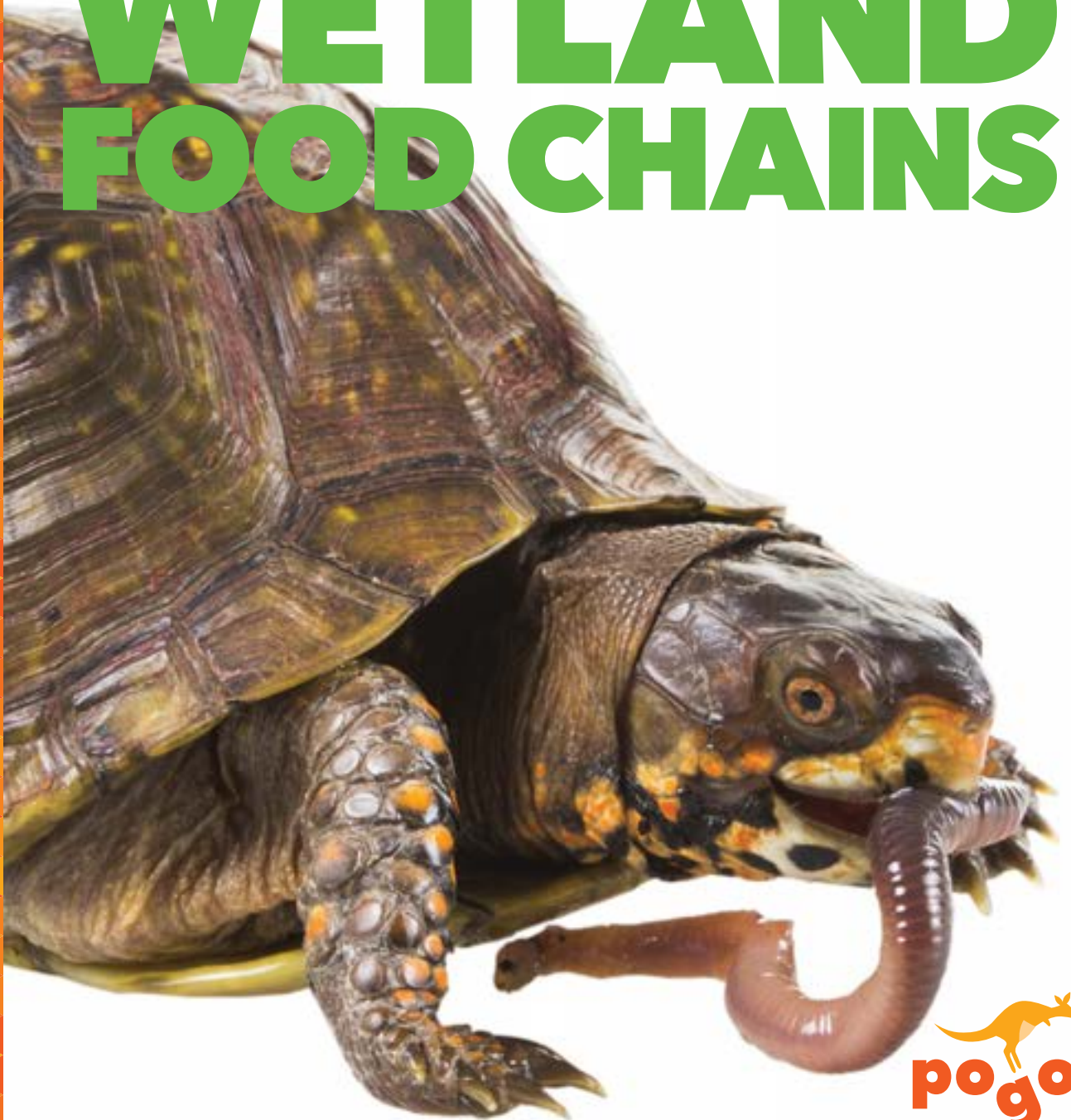


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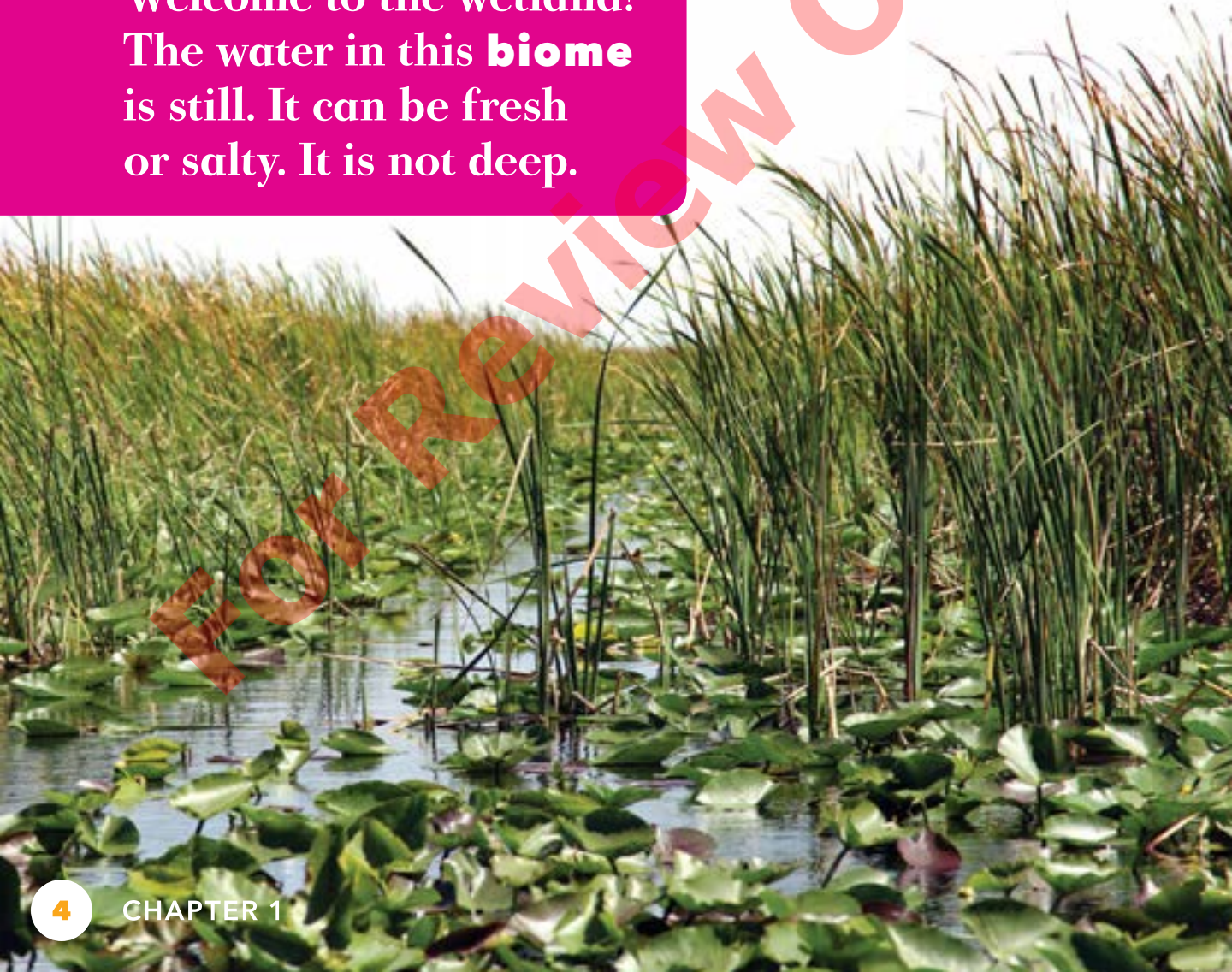
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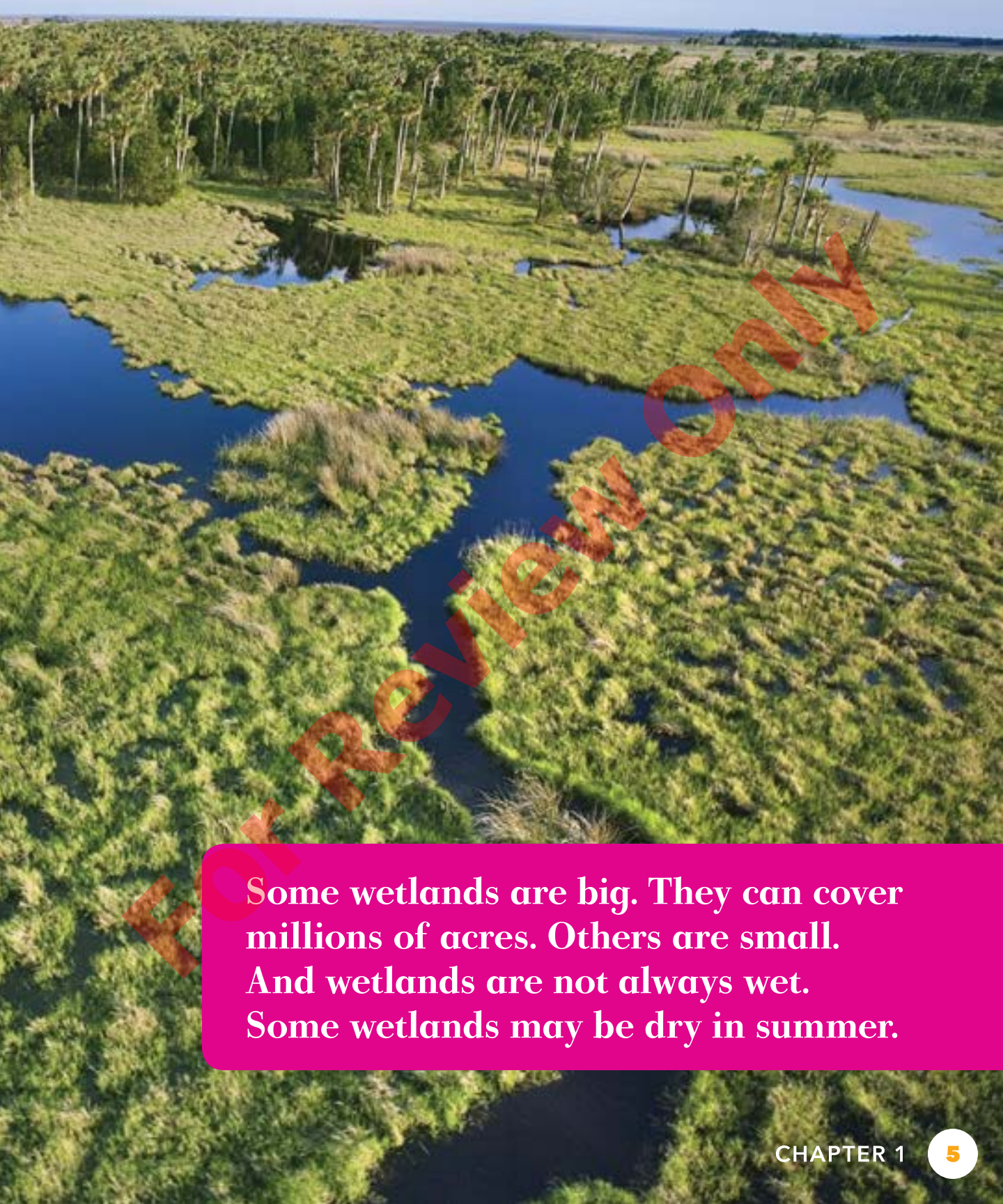


CHAPTER 1

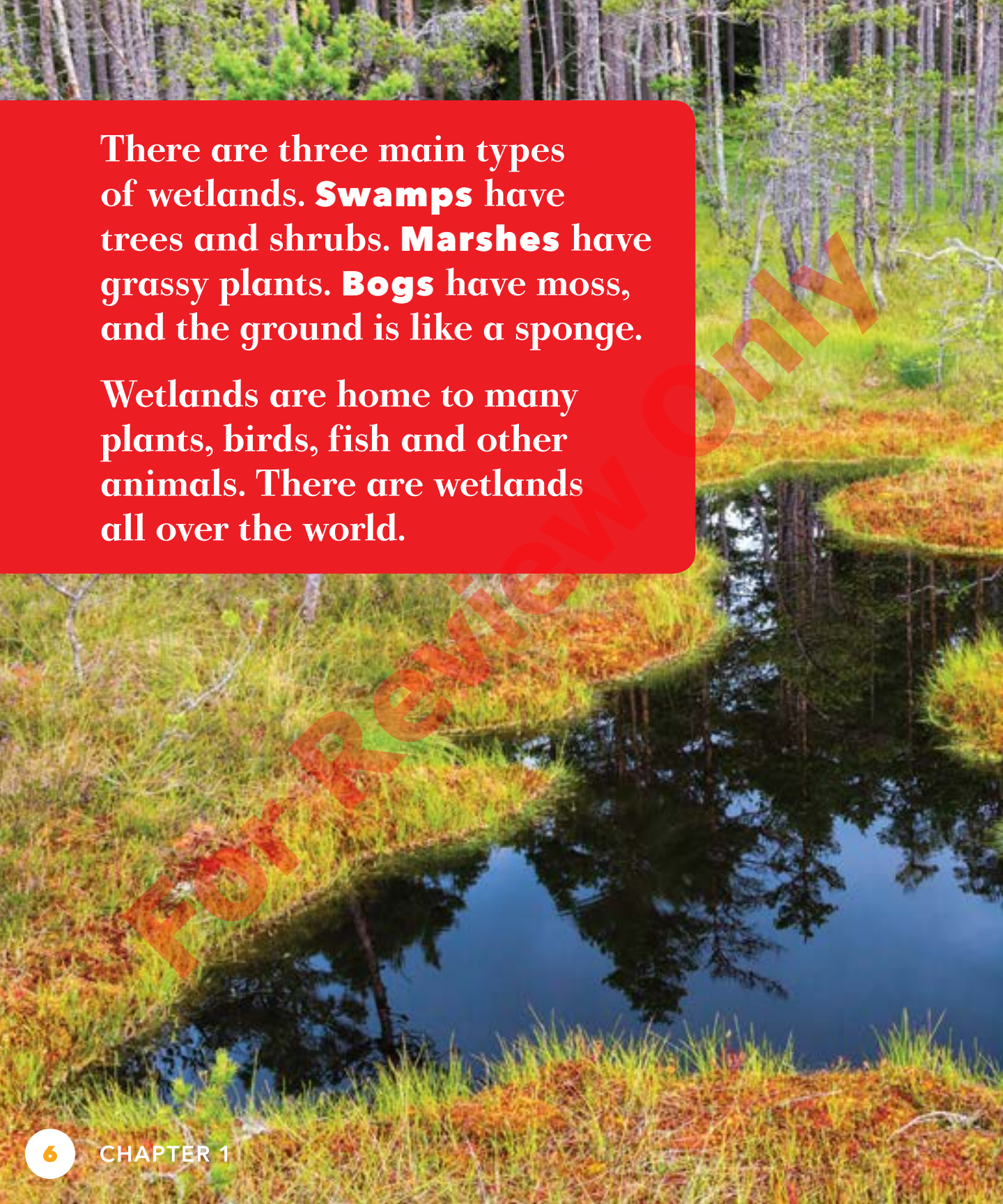
STILL WATERS

Welcome to the wetland!
The water in this **biome**
is still. It can be fresh
or salty. It is not deep.





Some wetlands are big. They can cover millions of acres. Others are small. And wetlands are not always wet. Some wetlands may be dry in summer.



There are three main types of wetlands. **Swamps** have trees and shrubs. **Marshes** have grassy plants. **Bogs** have moss, and the ground is like a sponge.

Wetlands are home to many plants, birds, fish and other animals. There are wetlands all over the world.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Wetlands are found in almost every region of the world. This map shows 10 of the most important wetlands.



① = Pantanal

② = Sundarbans

③ = Okavango Delta

④ = Everglades National Park

⑤ = Kerala Backwaters

⑥ = Kakadu National Park

⑦ = Mekong Delta

⑧ = iSimangaliso Wetland Park

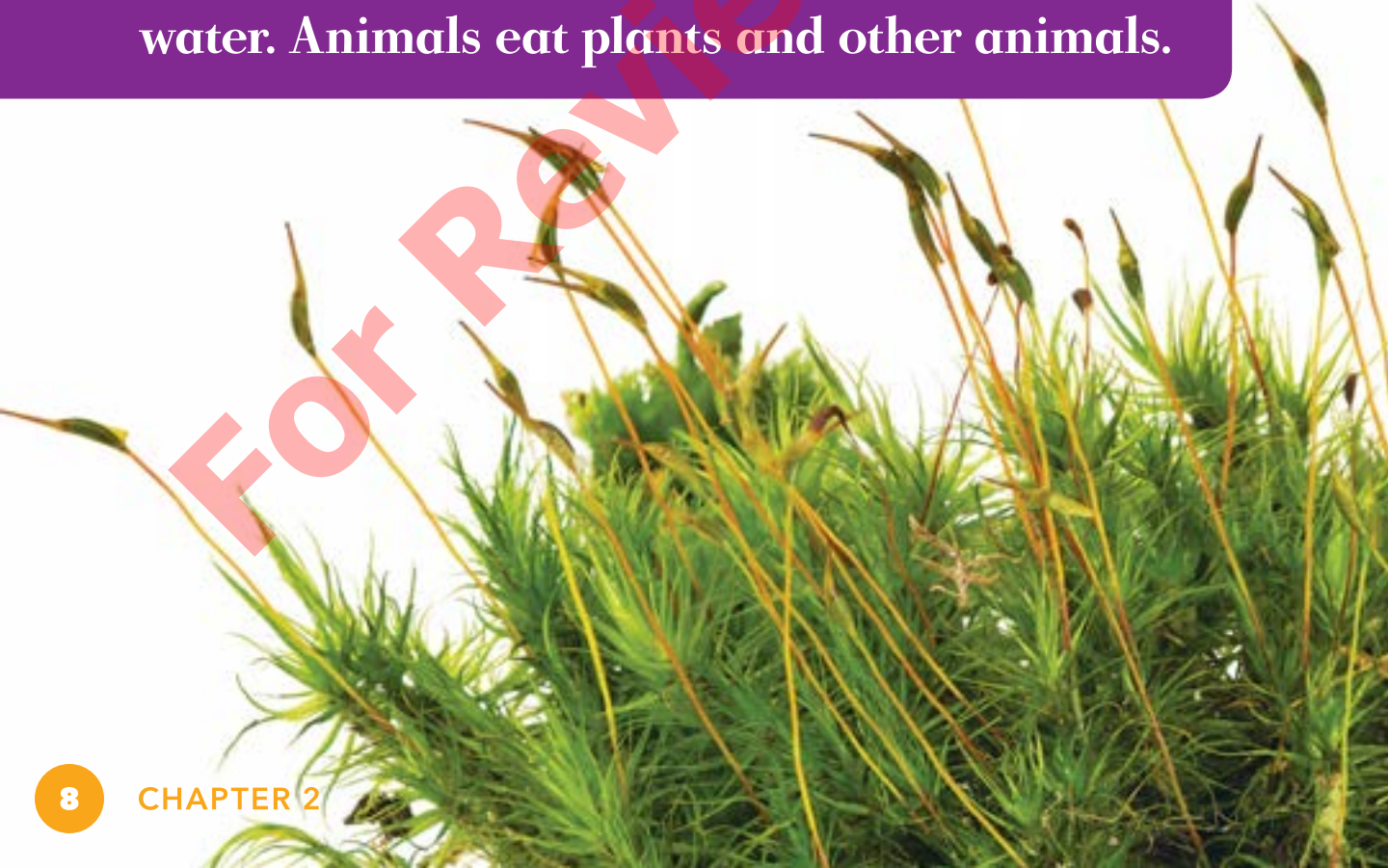
⑨ = Wasur National Park

⑩ = Camargue

CHAPTER 2

THE WETLAND FOOD CHAIN

Like all living things, wetland plants and animals need energy to live. Food is energy. Plants make food from the sun, soil, and water. Animals eat plants and other animals.





A **food chain** shows how energy moves from plants to animals. Each living link in the chain uses or eats the one before it.