

WHO EATS WHAT?

FRESHWATER FOOD CHAINS



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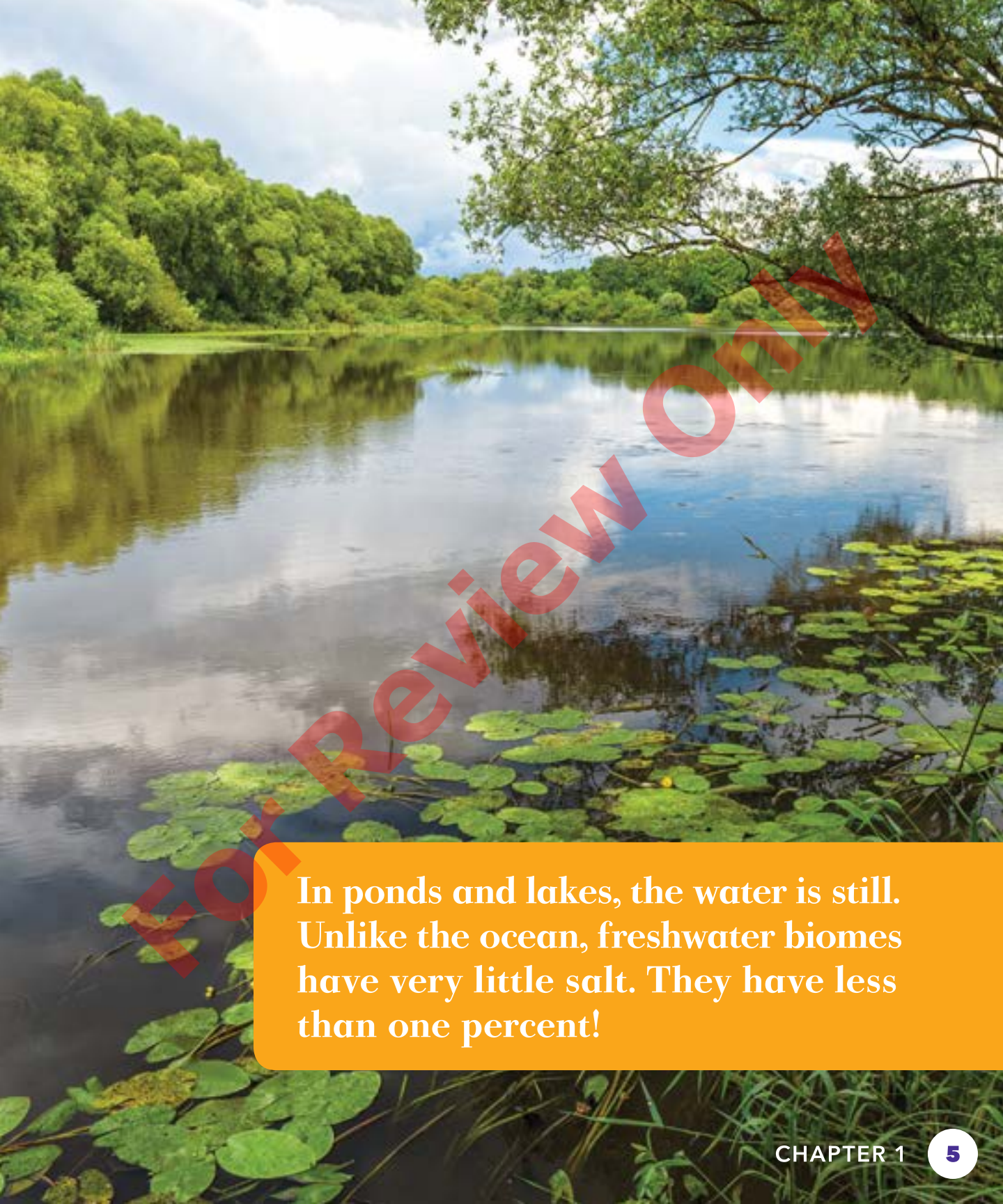


CHAPTER 1

SALT-FREE WATER

Freshwater **biomes** are all over the world. They include lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

In rivers and streams, the water flows.



In ponds and lakes, the water is still. Unlike the ocean, freshwater biomes have very little salt. They have less than one percent!

Many plants and animals live in a freshwater **habitat**. Some live in the water. Others live or hunt along the bank.

Many insects live around lakes and ponds where the water is still. A lot of freshwater animals eat them. There is plenty to eat!

DID YOU KNOW?

Freshwater habitats are important to humans. Why? More than half of the water we drink comes from a freshwater habitat.





CHAPTER 2

THE FRESHWATER FOOD CHAIN

All living things need energy to grow. Food is energy. Freshwater plants use water and the sun to make their own food. Animals eat plants and other animals.





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