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The oil seeps through my big salty roots.
So greasy, so slimy.
Oh, I can't breathe anymore.

As I close my eyes to my final sunset,
I see the wreckage of the ship which has killed me.

Whether I am red, white, or black mangrove,
I am dead.