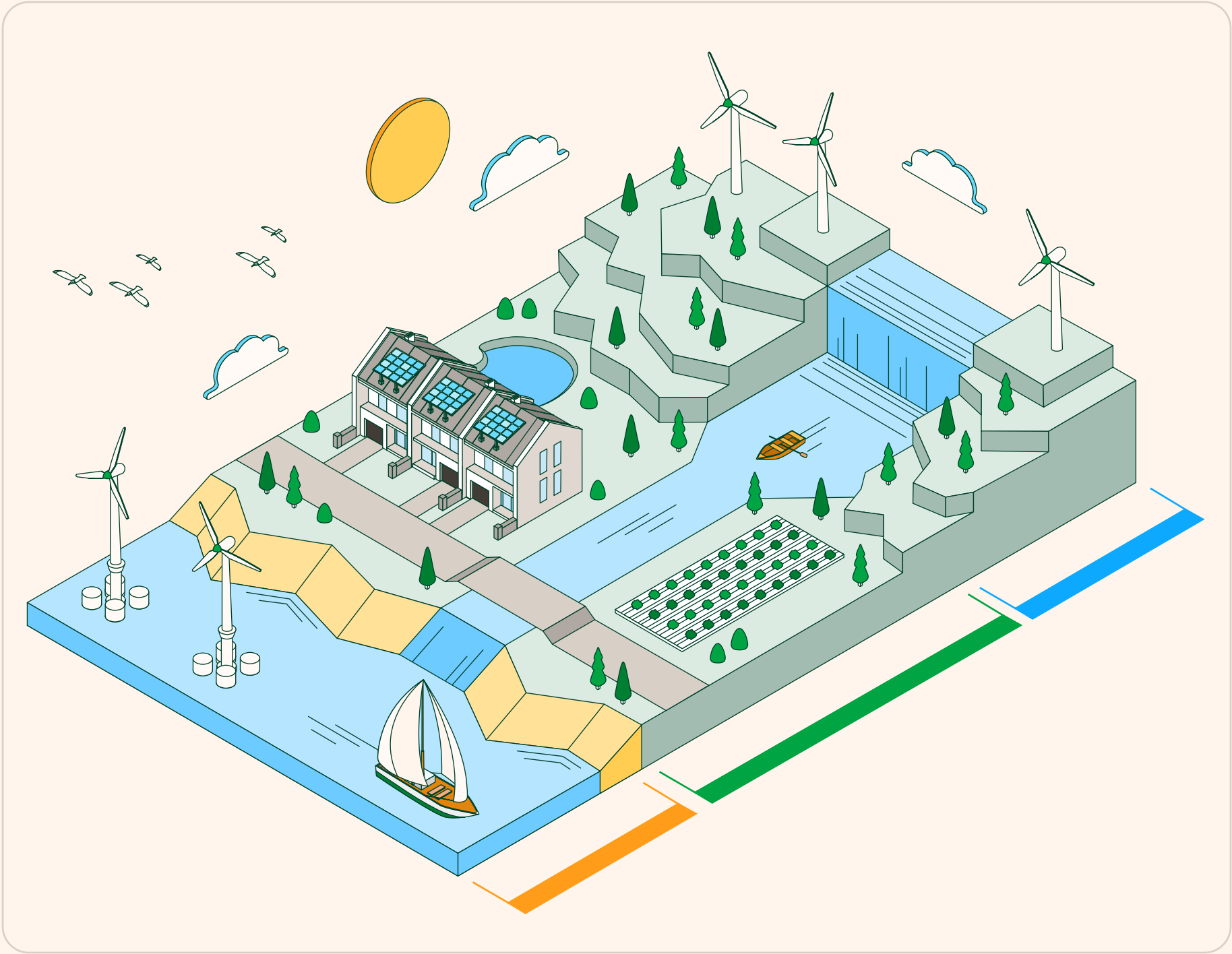


The impact of water pollution

This type of pollution affects both **wealthy and poor countries**.



Biological demand for oxygen



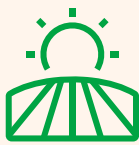
Contaminated water **harms the economy of countries and regions**.



When the biological demand for oxygen increases, **the GDP of the affected regions is reduced by a third**.



Nitrogen oxidation



Exposure to nitrates at an early age **affects development and can even be lethal**.



Fertilisers are responsible for increasing cases of **stunted growth in children** by as much as 19%.



Salinity



Agricultural yields decrease as the salinity of the water increases.



Every year salt water **spoils enough food** to supply **170 million people**.

Source: The World Bank.