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## Wild Wonders of Russia: Exploring its Animal and Plant Life

### Short Answer Key

1. Lake Baikal is important for its clear waters and unique species like the Baikal seal. It also plays a vital role in maintaining regional ecosystems and providing a source of freshwater for nearby communities.
2. The Kamchatka Peninsula is home to brown bears, known for their fishing skills, and sea otters, which help maintain the health of kelp forests by feeding on sea urchins.
3. Siberian tigers face threats like habitat loss and poaching. Conservation efforts include protected reserves and anti-poaching measures.
4. Mosses and lichens in the Arctic tundra adapt to extreme conditions with slow growth rates, tolerance to freezing temperatures, and their role in soil formation.
5. The Siberian taiga, with its coniferous trees, provides habitat and resources for a diverse range of wildlife. Its vastness allows for the preservation of biodiversity.

