



Coastal Landscapes



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The Big Picture

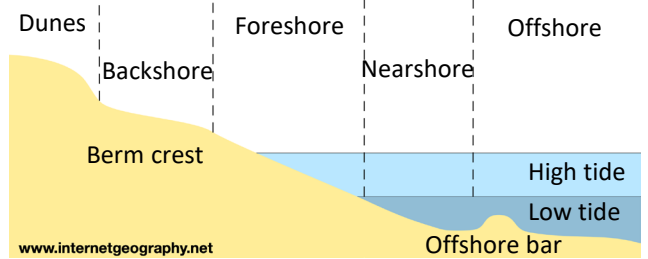


Key Terms

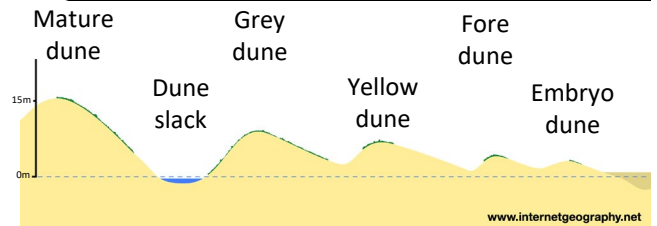
- Bar** – a ridge of sand or single that joins two headlands on either side of a bay.
- Beach** – The area between the lowest tide level and the point reached by storm waves in the highest tides.
- Berm** – A ridge often found towards the back of a beach.
- Lagoon** – A shallow body of water protected from a larger body of water.
- Deposition** – The laying down of sediment.
- Dune slack** – A trough (dip) that separates sand dunes.
- Sand dune** – Ridges or hills of sand at the top of a beach.
- Salt marsh** – A coastal ecosystem found between land and open salt water.
- Spit** – stretch of beach material that sticks out to sea and is joined to the mainland at one end.



Beaches



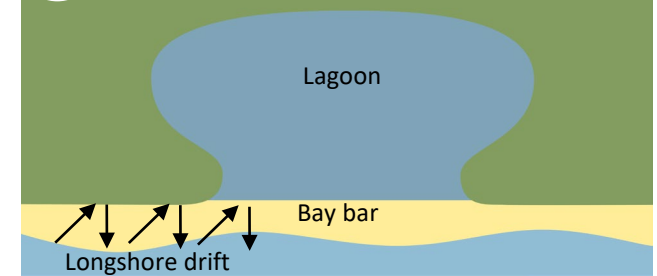
Sand dunes



Sand dunes form at the back of sandy beaches. Sand is transported by the wind and gathers against an obstacle forming an embryo dune.



Bars



Spits

