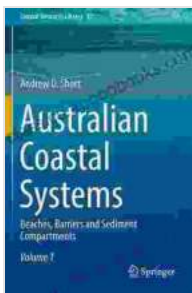


Beaches, Barriers, and Sediment Compartments: A Comprehensive Guide to Coastal Dynamics

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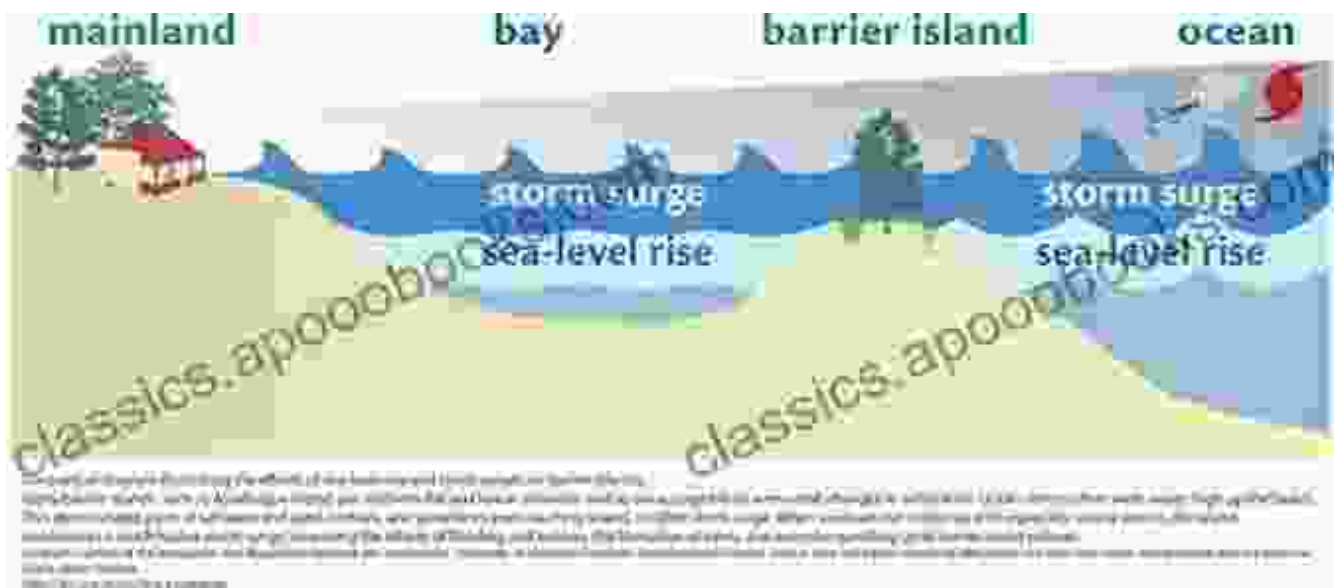


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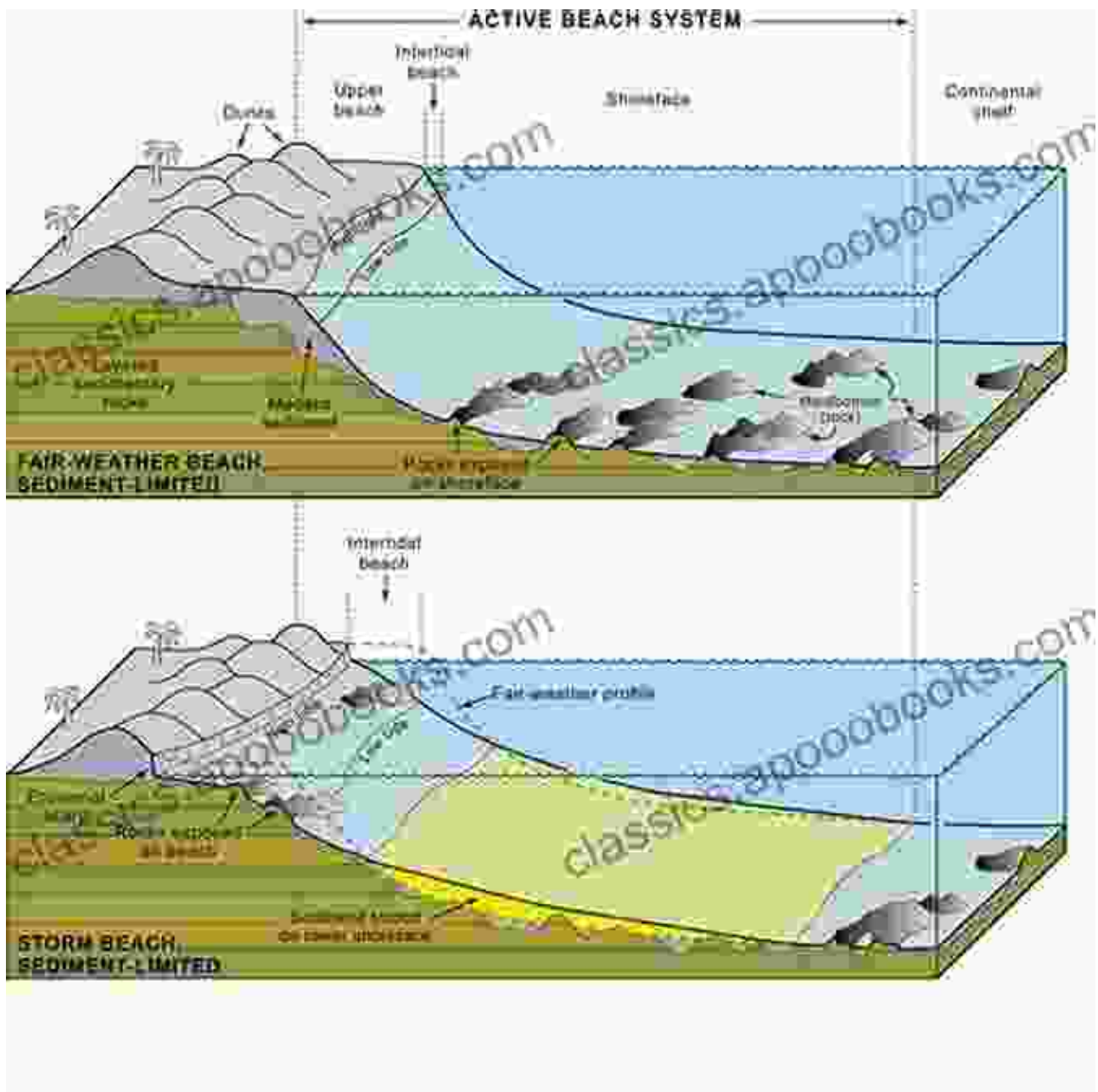
Beaches are sandy or gravelly shores that form along wave-dominated coastlines. They are dynamic ecosystems that support diverse marine life and provide recreational opportunities for humans. The book covers various aspects of beach morphology, sediment characteristics, wave processes, and beach nourishment.

Barriers



Barrier islands and spits are elongated landforms that form offshore and parallel to the coastline. They protect the mainland from storm surges and other coastal hazards. The book examines barrier formation, evolution, and the challenges they face due to sea-level rise and human development.

Sediment Compartments



Sediment compartments are distinct zones within a coastal system that are characterized by specific sediment sources, transport pathways, and depositional environments. Understanding sediment compartments is essential for managing coastal resources and predicting the impacts of human activities.

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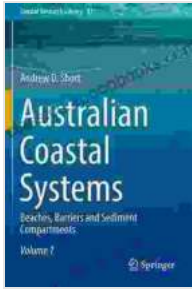
The book emphasizes the importance of coastal research and monitoring for effective coastal management. It discusses various techniques used to study coastal processes, including field measurements, remote sensing, and numerical modeling. The book also provides insights into coastal protection strategies, such as beach nourishment, dune restoration, and seawalls.

Key Features

- Comprehensive coverage of beaches, barriers, and sediment compartments
- Up-to-date scientific knowledge and research findings
- Numerous illustrations, photographs, and tables
- Contributions from leading coastal scientists
- Applications for coastal management, conservation, and hazard mitigation
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