

Master naturalist workshop: Beaches and dunes of the Oregon coast

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Angular



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Waves and wave energy

- Winds
- Tides

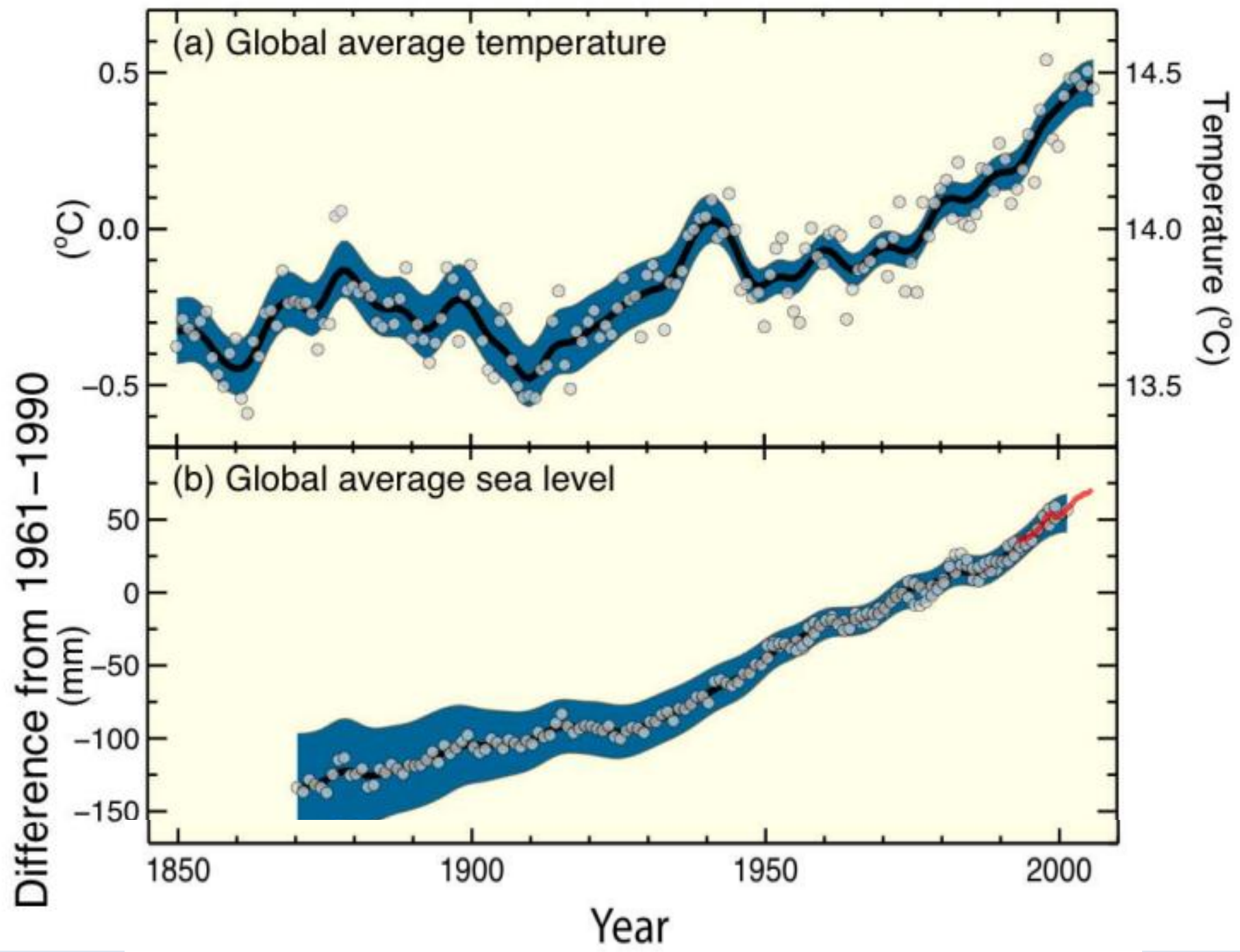


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Changes in Temperature, Sea Level and Northern Hemisphere Snow Cover



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Dune types

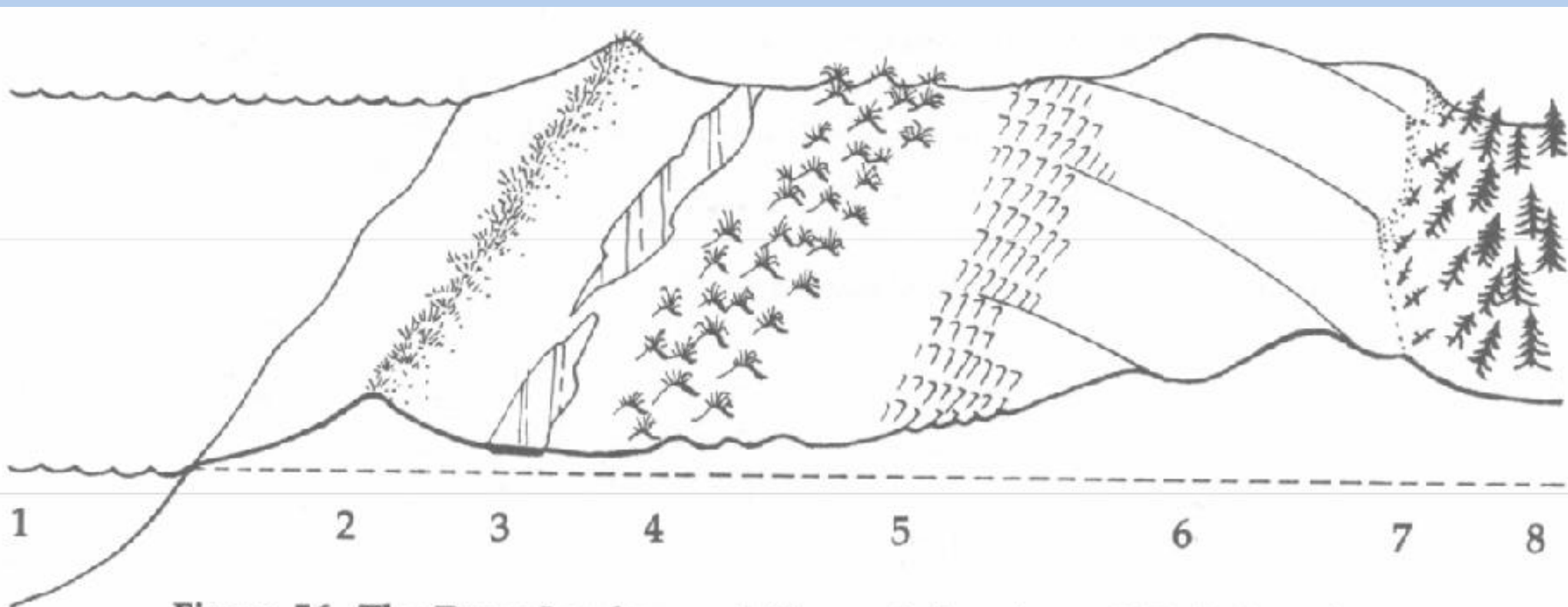


Figure 56. The Dune Landscape. 1 Ocean. 2 Foredune. 3 Deflation plain. 4 Beachgrass hummocks. 5 Transverse ridges. 6 Oblique dunes. 7 Retention ridge. 8 Forest. (Kellerman.)

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Natural dune communities



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A coastal landscape featuring a vast field of tall, green grasses in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a calm body of water, possibly a bay or a wide river. The background is dominated by a range of blue, hazy mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is bright and natural.

European beachgrass
(Ammophila arenaria)

American beachgrass
(Ammophila breviligulata)

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Western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*)

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