

SANDY BEACH & ESTUARY VOCABULARY

brackish slightly salty

deposit feeder organism that eats debris from the sand

detritus organic matter nutrients from decomposing plants and animals

estuary where fresh water meets seawater

meiofauna microscopic animals that live between grains of sand

mudflat soil exposed at low tides, with no visible vegetation, but with living organisms below the surface

open water the flowing fresh, brackish and salt water away from shore

salt marsh grassy area of an estuary

sandy beach beach next to the ocean

suspension feeder organism that filters tiny plankton from the waves

uplands highest elevation in an estuary

wetlands areas that periodically have waterlogged soils