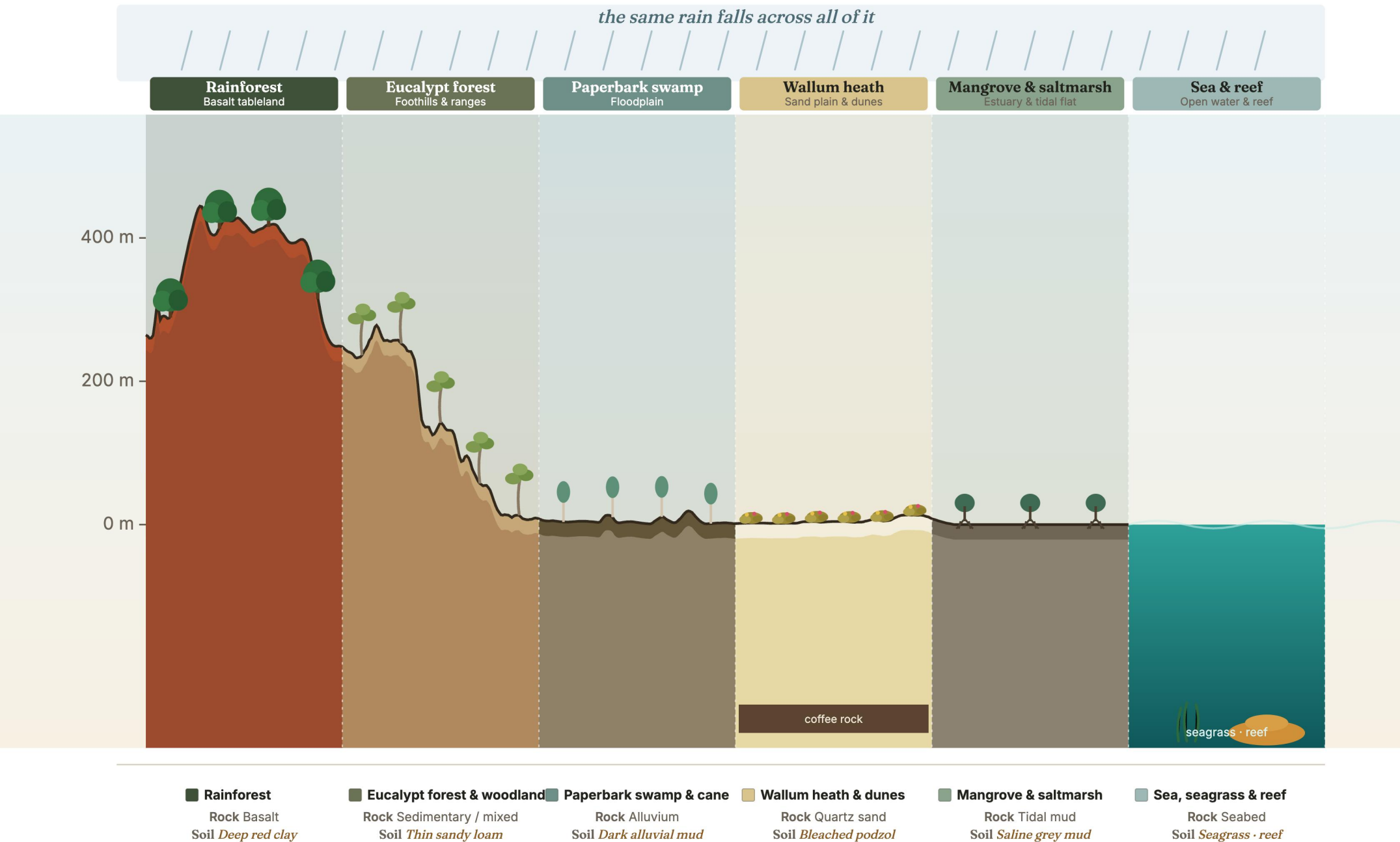


The Great Gradient

A west–east section from the Blackall Range down to the reef — landform, rock, soil and ecosystem change together, in order.



The gradient from reef to range: set less by how much rain falls than by what the ground is made of when the rain gets there.

Land-surface line: real elevations from the Copernicus GLO-30 DEM (ESA / EU) along a Blackall Range-to-coast transect at latitude -26.62°. Horizontal spacing schematic (equal-width zones); vertical exaggeration ≈ 25×.