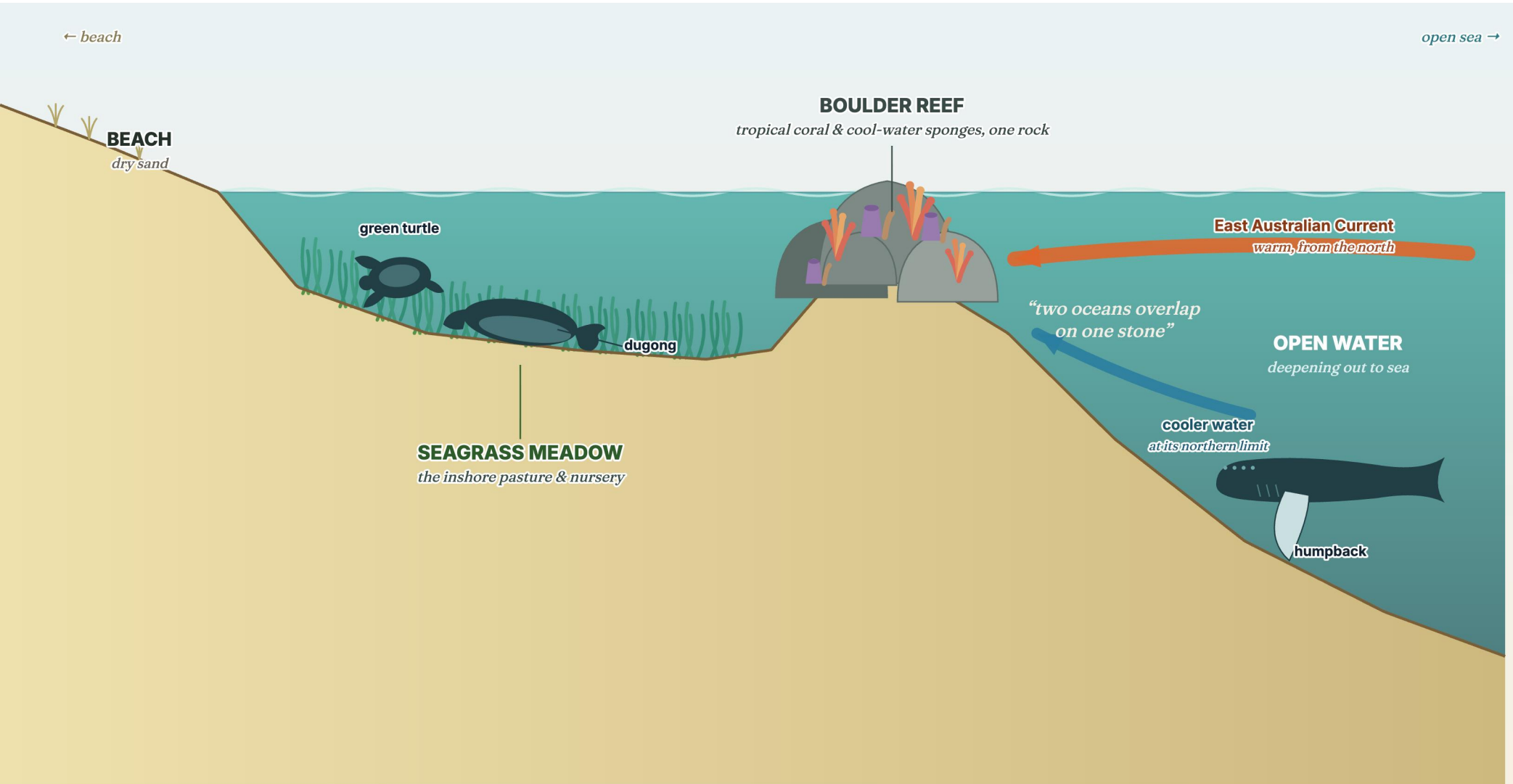


Sea country: the gradient continued

The land does not stop at the beach — sand gives way to seagrass, then to reef.



The gradient does not stop at the beach: sand gives way to seagrass pasture and then to reef, where a warm current lands tropical life at the cool edge of its range.

Schematic shore-to-sea cross-section; depths, distances and animals not to scale.