

Oceans

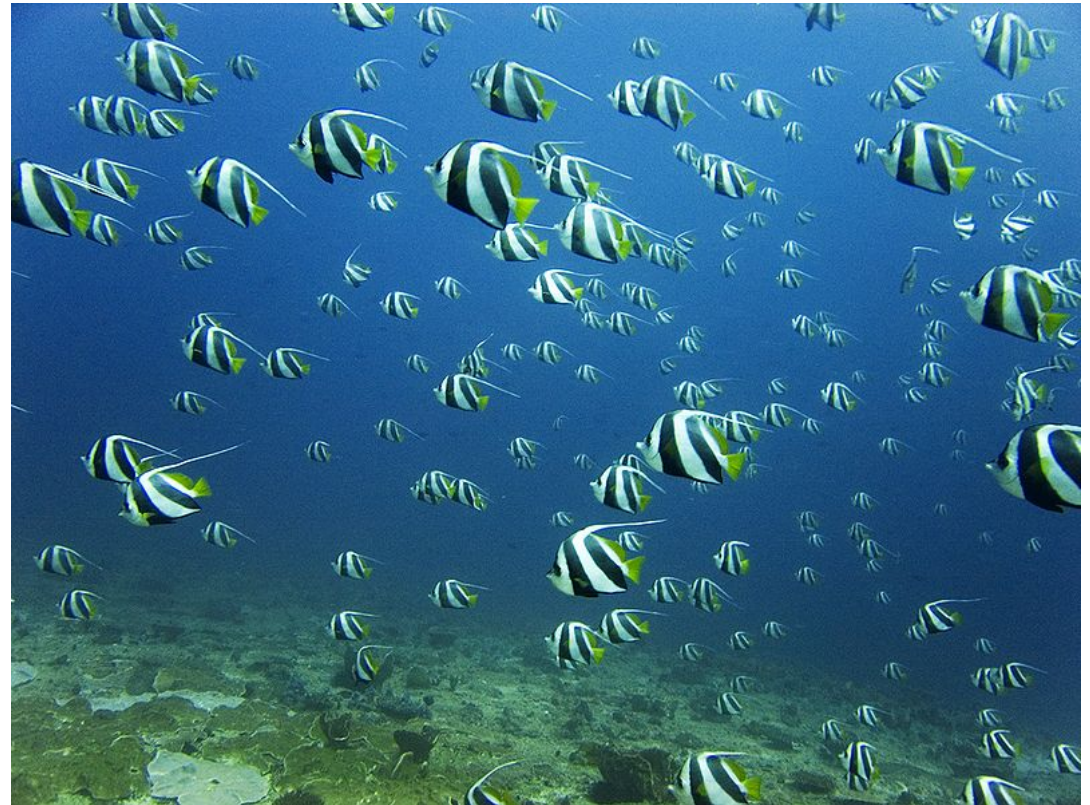


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Beach

(beach)



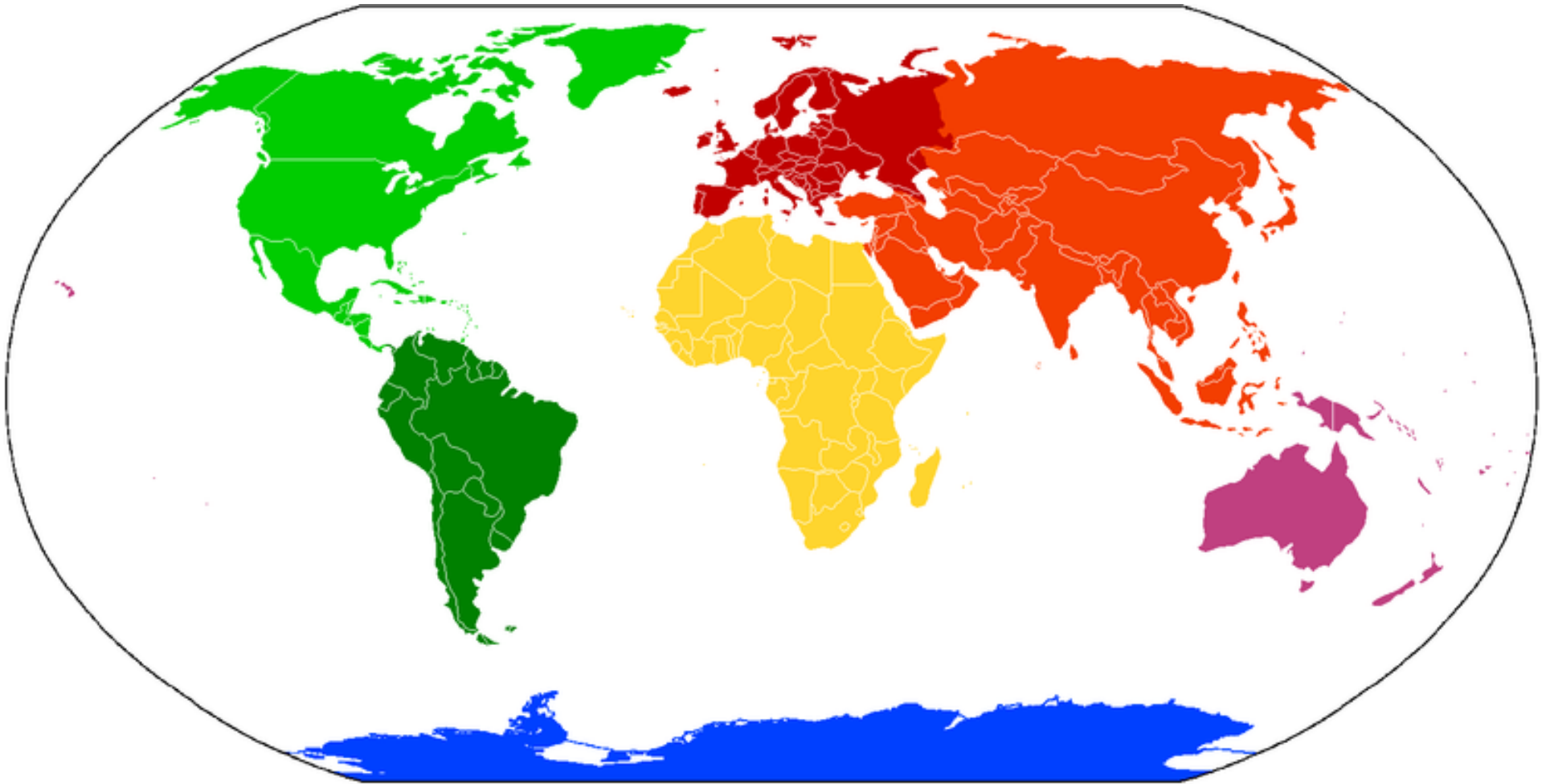
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Continent

(con·ti·nent)



Continental Shelf

(con·ti·nen·tal shelf)

The area of land on the edge of a continent that slopes down into the bottom on the ocean.
Example: In the map below the *continental shelf* is highlighted in the color of light blue.

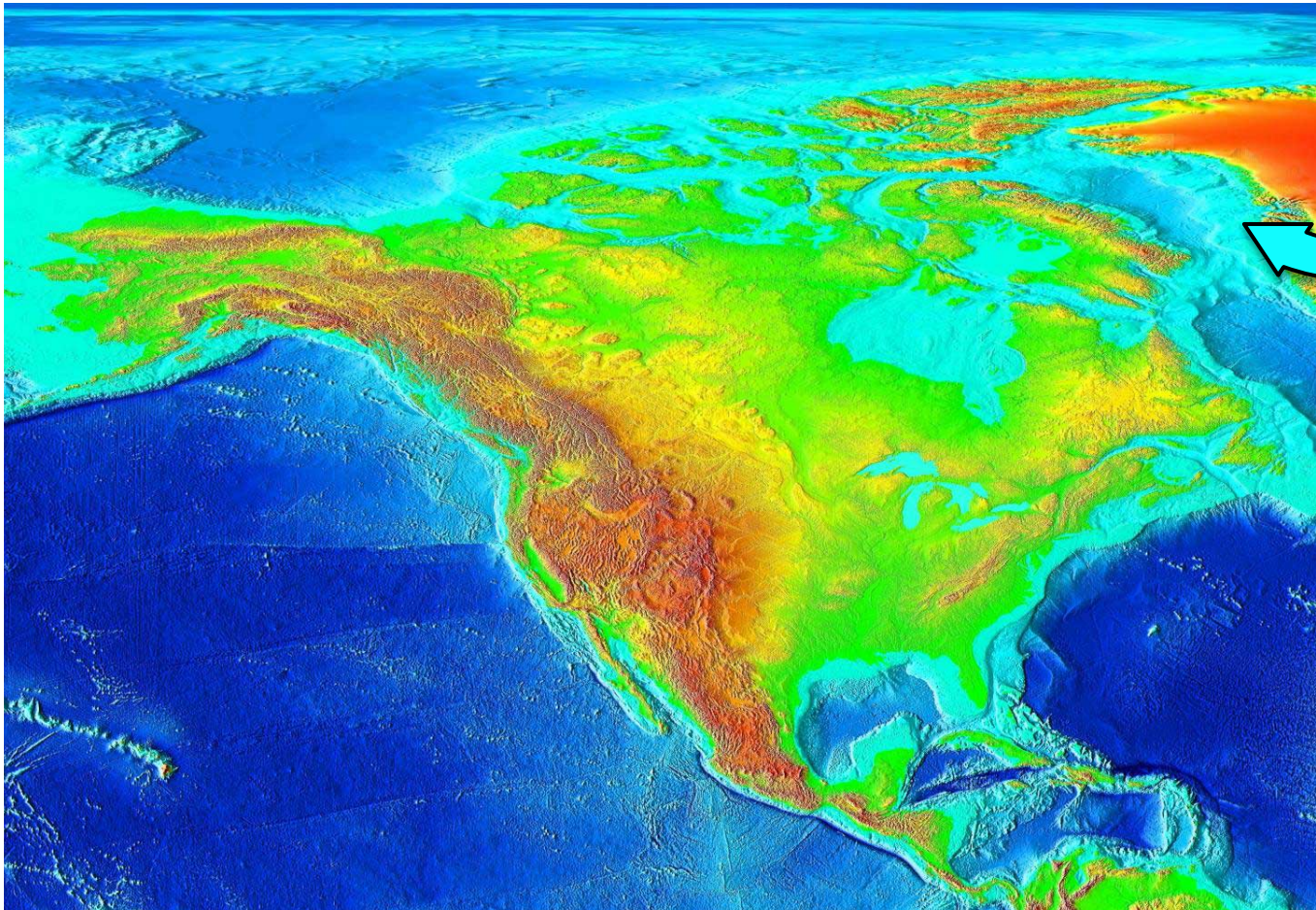


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Coral Reef

(coral reef)



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Inland

(in·land)

Definition: An inland area, city etc. is not near the coast.

Example: There are more redwood forests *inland* than there are near the ocean.

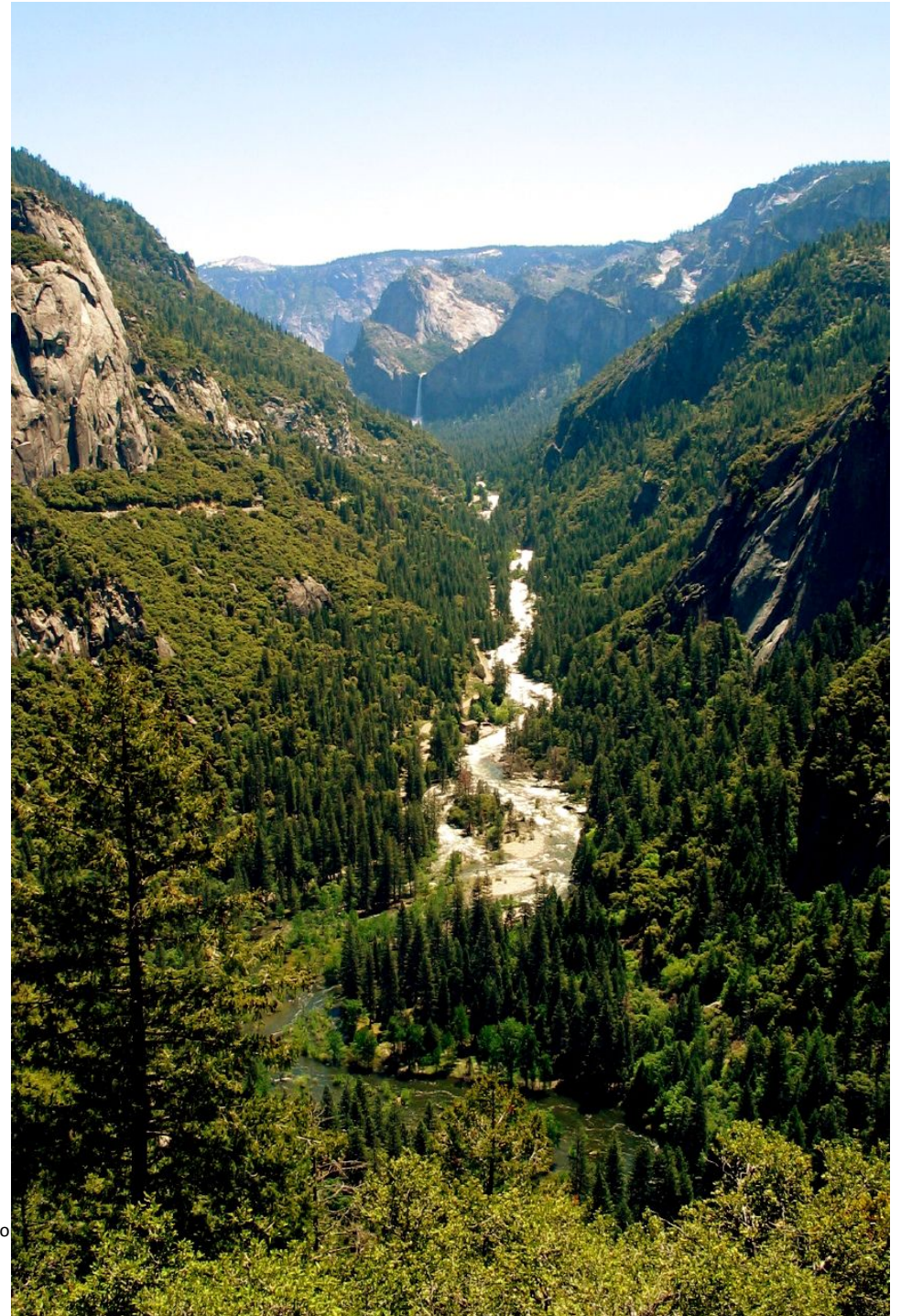


Photo: Sequoia sempervirens in Redwood National Park - Jedediah Smith Unit. Here the forest moon of Endor scenes were filmed for Star Wars Episode VI - Return of the Jedi.

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Island

(is·land)



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Land Mass

(land mass)

Definition: A very large area of land (such as a continent)

Example: From the boat, we could see a large *land mass* in the distance.



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Slopes

(slopes)

Definition: If the ground or surface slopes, it is higher at one end than the other.

Example: Look at how the beach *slopes* towards the water.



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Valley

(val·ley)

An area of lower land between two lines of hills or mountains.

Example: The ocean has *valleys* just like on land.



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