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What Is A Yardang? Yardang is a streamlined protuberance carved from bedrock by wind abrasion by dust and sand, and the deflation process. A rare yardang in Lut Desert, Iran. What Is An Aeolian Landform? The landforms are not only limited to the earth but have also been observed on other planets such as Mars where wind action is present. Wind transports and deposits sediments of various sizes in the areas where it is the chief agent of erosion. Such particles include silt, clay, and sand among others. Winds are mostly effective in areas where there is sparse vegetation, little or no soil moisture and unconsolidated elements. Such conditions are widely present in arid environments such as deserts. The Wind erodes the earth surface by both abrasion and deflation. Deflation refers to the removal of the loose particles on the surface of the Earth by the impact of wind. Abrasion is the wearing down of the surface of particles by the grinding action of the materials carried by the wind. The mode of transportation is largely dependent on their sizes and the strength of the wind. The deposition process by wind holds clues as to the past and present directions and intensities of wind. Wind-deposited bodies occur as sand sheets, ripples, and dunes. There are two types of Aeolian landforms: What Is An Yardang? The term Yardang originate from the Turkic language which means a steep bank, and it was Sven Ander Hedin, a Swedish explorer who introduced it to the English language in  They form in environments where water is very scarce, and the prevailing winds are strong and unidirectional. The abrasive loads carried by the wind carve out elongated ridges that extend out in one direction. Yardangs are typically three times longer than they are wide when viewed from above. They form from generally soft surfaces that get eroded over time. The soft material gets carried away while the hard surface remains behind. They come in diverse shapes depending on the composition of the original material. Some even resemble human beings. They come in various sizes and are categorized as mega-yardangs, meso-yardangs, and micro-yardangs. The mega ones are very extensive covering several kilometers and several meters in height. They are developed in arid areas that experience strong winds. The second category is a few meters high and meters wide. They form in semi-consolidated playa sediments. Most yardang fields are in sand-poor areas, but the associated troughs may be invaded by sands. Where Are Yardangs Found? Yardangs are found in the deserts, and the largest concentrations of mega-yardangs are found in Sahara desert near the Tibesti Mountains. There are other notable Yardangs in Phoenix Arizona at the Papago Park, which is a rock formation with a hole. There is another Yardang in Arizona near the town of Window Rock. This Yardang is made up of a60 meter sandstone with a large hole in the middle. Geologists have also suggested that the great Sphinx of Egypt was a Yardang. Planet Mars also have large scales of yardangs that extend for several kilometers long and covering as much as I kilometer wide. The Yardangs in the planet are located in the Amazonis area, but some notable ones are found in the equator region. Yardangs in the Mars are relatively young indicating that the eolian erosion is recent. This page was last updated on April 25,  By Benjamin Elisha Sawe.

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Dust storm in Amarillo, Texas. FSA photo by Arthur Rothstein A massive sand storm cloud is about to envelop a military camp as it rolls over Al Asad , Iraq, just before nightfall on April 27,  Particles are transported by winds through suspension, saltation skipping or bouncing and creeping rolling or sliding along the ground. Small particles may be held in the atmosphere in suspension. Upward currents of air support the weight of suspended particles and hold them indefinitely in the surrounding air. Saltation is downwind movement of particles in a series of jumps or skips. Saltation normally lifts sand-size particles no more than one centimeter above the ground and proceeds at one-half to one-third the speed of the wind. A saltating grain may hit other grains that jump up to continue the saltation. The grain may also hit larger grains that are too heavy to hop, but that slowly creep forward as they are pushed by saltating grains. Surface creep accounts for as much as 25 percent of grain movement in a desert. Aeolian turbidity currents are better known as dust storms. Air over deserts is cooled significantly when rain passes through it. This cooler and denser air sinks toward the desert surface. When it reaches the ground, the air is deflected forward and sweeps up surface debris in its turbulence as a dust storm. Crops , people, villages , and possibly even climates are affected by dust storms. Some dust storms are intercontinental, a few may circle the globe , and occasionally they may engulf entire planets. Deposits of this windblown silt are known as loess. The thickest known deposit of loess, meters, is on the Loess Plateau in China. This very same Asian dust is blown for thousands of miles, forming deep beds in places as far away as Hawaii. The soils developed on loess are generally highly productive for agriculture. Aeolian transport from deserts plays an important role in ecosystems globally, e. Dust devils may be as much as one kilometer high. Deposition[ edit ] This section about deposition relies too much on references to primary sources. Please improve this section about deposition by adding secondary or tertiary sources. This unit is formed of wind-blown carbonate grains. These features help us understand the present climate and the forces that molded it. Wind-deposited sand bodies occur as sand sheets , ripples , and dunes. Sand sheets are flat, gently undulating sandy plots of sand surfaced by grains that may be too large for saltation. They form approximately 40 percent of aeolian depositional surfaces. The Selima is absolutely flat in a few places; in others, active dunes move over its surface. Wind blowing on a sand surface ripples the surface into crests and troughs whose long axes are perpendicular to the wind direction. The average length of jumps during saltation corresponds to the wavelength , or distance between adjacent crests, of the ripples. In ripples, the coarsest materials collect at the crests causing inverse grading. This distinguishes small ripples from dunes, where the coarsest materials are generally in the troughs. This is also a distinguishing feature between water laid ripples and aeolian ripples. Accumulations of sediment blown by the wind into a mound or ridge , dunes have gentle upwind slopes on the windward side. The downwind portion of the dune, the lee slope, is commonly a steep avalanche slope referred to as a slipface. Dunes may have more than one slipface. The minimum height of a slipface is about 30 centimeters. Wind-blown sand moves up the gentle upwind side of the dune by saltation or creep. Sand accumulates at the brink, the top of the slipface. When the buildup of sand at the brink exceeds the angle of repose , a small avalanche of grains slides down the slipface. Grain by grain, the dune moves downwind. Some of the most significant experimental measurements on aeolian sand movement were performed by Ralph Alger Bagnold , a British army engineer who worked in Egypt prior to World War II. Bagnold investigated the physics of particles moving through the atmosphere and deposited by wind. He recognized two basic dune types, the crescentic dune, which he called " barchan ," and the linear dune, which he called longitudinal or "seif" Arabic for "sword". A study published in Catena examined the effect of vegetation on aeolian dust accumulation in the semiarid steppe of northern China. Using a series of trays with different vegetation coverage and a control model with none, the authors found that an increase in vegetation coverage improves the efficiency of dust accumulation and adds more nutrients to the environment, particularly organic carbon. Two critical point were revealed by their data: In a first step, a group of scientists have used the LUCAS topsoil dataset [9] to develop the wind erosion susceptibility of European soils. In the same study, a relationship was shown between decreasing plant density with decreasing soil nutrients. Similarly, horizontal soil flux across the test site was shown to increase with increasing vegetation removal. It was found that sand flux decreased exponentially with vegetation cover. This was done by measuring plots of land with varying degrees of vegetation against rates of sand transport.

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Introduction to the Lithosphere ah. Eolian Processes and Landforms Introduction Eolian landforms are found in regions of the Earth where erosion and deposition by wind are the dominant geomorphic forces shaping the face of the landscape. Regions influenced by wind include most of the dry climates of the Earth Figure 10ah Wind can also cause erosion and deposition in environments where sediments have been recently deposited or disturbed. Such environments include lake and ocean coastline beaches , alluvial fans , and farmland where topsoil has been disturbed by cultivation. Global distribution of major deposits of eolian derived sediments. Unlike streams, wind has the ability to transport sediment up-slope as well as down-slope. The relative ability of wind to erode materials is is slight when compared to the other major erosional mediums, water and ice. Ice and water can have greater erosive power primarily because of their greater density. Water is about times more dense than air density of air is 1. This physical difference limits the size of particles wind can move. The power of wind to erode surface particles is controlled primarily by two factors: Erosive force increases exponentially with increases in wind velocity. For example, a velocity increase from 2 to 4 meters per second causes an eight-fold increase in erosive capacity, while an increase in wind speed from 2 to 10 meters per second generates a fold increase in erosional force. Consequently, fast winds are capable of causing much more erosion than slow winds. At ground level, the roughness of the surface plays an important role in controlling the nature of wind erosion. Boulders, trees, buildings, shrubs, and even small plants like grass and herbs can increase the frictional roughness of the surface and reduce wind velocity. Vegetation can also reduce the erosional effects of wind by binding soil particles to roots. Thus, as a general rule, the areas that show considerable amounts of wind erosion are open locations with little or no plant cover. Threshold and Terminal Fall Velocities Threshold velocity can be defined as velocity required to entrain a particle of a particlular size. In general, the larger the particle, the higher the threshold velocity required to move it. This law can sometimes be broken when clay sized particles are involved in the entraiment process. Clay particles have a general tendency to become cohesively bonded to each other. This aggregation results in the clumping of several particles into a mass of much larger size. As a result, the threshold velocity required to entrain clay is as great as the wind speed required to move grains of sand. Silt is usually the easiest type of particle to be entrain by wind. Terminal fall velocity can be defined as velocity at which a particle being transported by wind or water falls out and is deposited on the ground surface. Figure 10ah-2 describes the terminal fall velocities for clay, silt, and sand sized particles for wind. On this semi-log graph, a simple, some what linear, relationship is observed. The larger the particle the greater the wind speed that is required to keep it moving above the ground surface. Falling velocities for clay, silt, and sand sized particles for wind. Note the fall velocity for clay is many orders of magnitude less than the fall velocity for sand. In his numerous observations and experiments dealing with sand movement, Bagnold discovered many of the key principles controlling the erosion and transport of sand in deserts. Three different processes are responsible for the transport of sediment by wind. Wind erosion of surface particles begins when air velocities reach about 4. A rolling motion called traction or creep the later term should not to be confused with soil creep characterizes this first movement of particles. In strong winds, particles as large as small pebbles can move through traction. About 20 to 25 percent of wind erosion is by traction. The second type of wind sediment transport involves particles being lifted off the ground, becoming suspended in the air, and then returning to the ground surface several centimeters downwind. This type of transport is called saltation , and this process accounts for 75 to 80 percent of the sediment transport in dry land environments. Saltating particles are also responsible for sending additional sediment into transport. When a falling particle strikes the ground surface, part of its force of impact is transferred to another particle causing it to become airborne. Small sized particles like silt and clay have the ability to be lifted well above the zone of saltation during very strong winds and can be carried in suspension thousands of meters into the air and hundreds of kilometers downwind. Erosional Landforms When the force of wind is concentrated on a particular spot in the landscape, erosion can carve out a pit known as a deflation hollow. Deflation hollows range in size from a few meters to a hundred meters in diameter, and may develop over several days or a couple of seasons. Much larger depressions are also found in the arid regions throughout the world. These broad, shallow depressions, called pans , can cover thousands of square kilometers. This pan covers around 15, square kilometers. In some dry climate areas, persistent winds erode all sediments the size of sand and smaller leaving pebbles and larger particles on the ground surface. Surfaces loaded with such particles are called desert pavement or reg and sometimes resemble a worn, polished cobblestone street surface. Depositional Landforms Sand dunes are the most noticeable landforms produced by wind erosion and deposition of sediment. The largest dune fields are found in the Middle East and North Africa. Most large dune fields act more or less as closed systems. Once sand enters these systems, it does not leave. Periodic migrations of dune fields are normally caused by seasonal changes in wind direction. Over longer periods of time, dune fields may expand or contract because of climatic change. In the last few decades scientists have noticed a spatial expansion of deserts that may be correlated to human disturbance of natural vegetation cover because of agriculture. Sand Dune Formation Sand dunes form in environments that favor the deposition of sand Figure 10ah Deposition occurs in areas where a pocket of slower moving air forms next to much faster moving air. Such pockets typically form behind obstacles like the leeward sides of slopes. As the fast air slides over the calm zone, saltating grains fall out of the air stream and accumulate on the ground surface. Wind ripples on top of much larger sand dunes. Wind ripples are mini-dunes between 5 centimeters and 2 meters apart and 0. They are created by saltation when the sand grains are of similar size and wind speed is consistent. A series of wind ripples is initiate by a single irregularity in the ground surface. This irregularity launches the grains in the air and the consistences of size and windspeed cause saltation at repeated regular intervals downwind. Dunes first begin their life as a stationary pile of sand that forms behind some type of vertical obstacle. However, when they reach a certain size threshold continued growth may also be associated with active surface migration. In a migrating dune, grains of sand are transported by wind from the windward to the leeward side and begin accumulating just over the crest Figure 10ah When the upper leeward slope reaches an angle of about 30 to 34 degrees the accumulating pile becomes unstable, and small avalanches begin to occur, moving sand to the lower part of the leeward slope. As a result of this process, the dune migrates over the ground as sand is eroded from one side and deposited on the other. This process also causes the appearance of the dune to take on a wave shape. Active movement of sand particles across the dune causes windward slope to become shallow, while the leeward slope maintains a steep slope or slip-face. The following graphic animates the formation and movement of a sand dune. Sand dunes begin when a ground obstruction influences the areodynamic movement of wind and saltating sand particles. As the wind blows over the obstruction, velocity is reduced causing particles to fall out of the air stream. The pile of particles builds both vertically and horizontally, and the dune is at first stationary. The dune continues to grow vertically, and at a certain height the top of the feature begins to encounter faster moving air. This causes particles to be lifted from the windward side of dune. As these lifted particles move forward they reach areas of slower wind speeds at the leeward end of the dune, causing the particles to fall out of the air. The net result of this process is the migration of sand particles from the front of the dune to its backside. It also causes the whole dune to move forward. The velocity of the wind above the ground surface determines the height of a dune. The maximum height is variable but usually falls in the range of 10 to 25 meters. In most cases, dune height is a function of surface friction. Height growth stops when friction can no longer slow the wind flowing over the dune to a point where deposition occurs. The tallest sand dunes in the world are found in Saudi Arabia and measure more than meters. However, these features are not individual dunes, but a massive complex of sand dunes that forms when smaller, faster moving dunes migrate onto larger, slower moving dunes. Desert Dunes Desert sand dunes occur in an amazing diversity of forms. Table 10ah-1describes the major types of dunes classified by geomorphologists. Major types of sand dunes. Type Description Barchan Crescent-shaped dune whose long axis is transverse to the dominant wind direction. The points of the dune, called the wings of the barchan, are curved downwind and partially enclosing the slip-face. Barchans usually form where there is a limited supply of sand, reasonably flat ground, and a fairly even flow of wind from one direction. Transverse Long asymmetrical dunes that form at right angles to the wind direction. Form when there is an abundant supply of sand and relatively weak winds. These dunes have a single long slip-face. Parabolic Crescent-shaped dune whose long axis is transverse to the dominant wind direction. The points of this dune curve upwind.

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Aeolian processes create a number of distinct features, through both erosion and deposition of sediment, including: Sand dunes Yardangs Deflation Hollow Aeolian processes involve erosion, transportation, and deposition of sediment by the wind. These processes occur in a variety of environments, including the coastal zone, cold and hot deserts, and agricultural fields. Common features of these environments are a sparse or nonexistent vegetation cover, a supply of fine sediment clay, silt, and sand , and strong winds. They largely depend on other geologic agents, such as rivers, glaciers, and waves, to supply sediment for transport. Sand Dunes Sand dunes both active and stabilized by vegetation can be found along beaches, and in arid or semi-arid regions. Dunes are mounds of loose sand created by wind and are the most well known aeolian features. There are a varitety of types of dunes, depending on their shape. Most dunes share a common profile, or cross section, with a long shallow angle stoss facing into the wind, a peak crest , and a steep lee side. Dunes seldom exist by themselves, but as vast fields of many dunes. Coastal Dunes Coastal dunes are critical to the health and sustainability of sandy beaches. The primary dune ridge foredunes lies adjacent to the shoreline. Secondary dune fields may lie further inland. Dunes may form anywhere that eolian processes wind transportation occur. Dunes provide much-needed protection to back-barrier environments including human development against severe wave, wind, and storm events. In addition, these geomorphic features provide critical habitat to a variety of migratory birds and mammals. Dune vegetation is very important for the formation and stabilization of dune complexes on barrier islands. Both the root system and exposed vegetation restrict sand movement around plants, helping to secure the dune. Other Aeolian Landforms Other types of aeolian features include: Deposition Features Loess - wind-blown silt deposits common along the Mississippi River Valley Erosional Features Yardangs - sharp ridges of compact sand lying in the direction of the prevailing wind, formed by wind erosion of surrounding material Deflation Hollows - also called a blowout dune, created when loose surface material is scooped out by the wind, leaving a hollow.

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Regional contrasts in dust emission responses to climate by Charles S. Zender, Eun Young Kwon - J. Lag cross-correlations of monthly mean aerosol optical depth, precipitation, vegetation, and wind speed are examined from â€” The response to monthly climate The response to monthly climate anomalies can differ greatly from the response to seasonal mean climate. Each category represents distinct mechanisms by which climate anomalies influence subsequent atmospheric dust loading on seasonal to interannual timescales. In most regions, precipitation and vegetation together strongly constrain dust anomalies on multiple timescales. In these regions, dry anomalies increase, and wet anomalies reduce, dust emission. Interestingly, in many other regions the contrary is true: Dust and precipitation anomalies correlate positively, consistent with sediment-supply factors. The response timescales are consistent with loss of surface crusts less than 1 month and with alluvial transport and dessication interannual lags. Supply-limited dust emission appears more prevalent than previously thought and is not accounted for in models. Reproducing these wind erodibility responses in models may help remediate underprediction of observed seasonal to interannual dust variability. Show Context Citation Context Reproducing these responses in models is an important test of modeling skill at predicting future dust loading and related climate change. Periods of high dust concentration in Barbados correspond to North African drought up to 2 or 3 years prior, and Abstractâ€”The Sahara desert includes large expanses of sand dunes called ergs. These dunes are formed and constantly reshaped by prevailing winds. Previous study shows that Saharan ergs exhibit significant radar backscatter modulation with azimuth angle. We use measurements observed at various Observations reveal a characteristic relationship between the backscatter modulation and the dune type, i. Sand dunes are modeled as a composite of tilted rough facets, which are characterized by a probability distribution of tilt with a mean value, and small ripples on the facet surface. The small ripples are modeled as cosinusoidal surface waves that contribute to the return signal at Bragg angles only. Longitudinal and transverse dunes are modeled with rough facets having Gaussian tilt distributions. The response is high at look angles equal to the mean tilts of the rough facets and is lower elsewhere. This analysis provides a unique insight into scattering by large-scale sand bedforms. The Sahara desert is the largest desert and one of the most inhomogeneous regions on the earth [3]. The ergs of the Sahara consist of large sand-dune fields that are variable due to the wind action Abstractâ€”Sand seas ergs of the Sahara are the most dynamic parts of the desert. Aeolian erosion, transportation, and deposition continue to reshape the surface of the ergs. The large-scale features dunes of these bedforms reflect the characteristics of the sand and the long-term wind. Radiometric emissions from the ergs have strong dependence on the surface geometry. We model the erg surface as composed of tilted rough facets. Each facet is characterized by a tilt distribution dependent upon the surface roughness of the facet. The radiometric temperature b of ergs is then the weighted sum of the b from all the facets. We use dual-polarization b measurements at 19 and 37 GHz from the Special Sensor Microwave Imager aboard the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program and the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission Microwave Imager to analyze the radiometric response of erg surfaces and compare them to the model results. The azimuth angle modulation of b is caused by the surface geometrical characteristics. It is found that longitudinal and transverse dune fields are differentiable based on their polarization difference 1 b -modulation, which reflects type and orientation of dune facets. The magnitude of 1 b at 37 GHz is lower than at 19 GHz due to higher attenuation. The analysis of 1 b over dry sand provides a unique insight into radiometric emission over ergs. Jensen, Haroon Stephen , "

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