

The intertidal zone is where the ocean meets the land -- sometimes it is submerged and at other times exposed, as waves and tides come in and out. In those areas usually submerged during high tide, there is a more diverse array of algae and small animals, such as herbivorous snails, crabs, sea stars, and small fishes. The intertidal zone on sandier shores is not as stratified as in the rocky areas.