

# ARID BIOME DISTRIBUTION

CLASSIFICATION	GLOBAL REGIONS & DISTRIBUTION	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
<b>Subtropical Deserts</b>	Sahara (Africa), Great Australian (Australia), Thar (Asia)	High pressure zones, extreme temperature shifts, minimal rainfall.
<b>Rain Shadow Deserts</b>	Death Valley (USA), Atacama (Chile), Gobi (China/Mongolia)	Lee side of mountain ranges; moisture blocked by high elevations.
<b>Coastal Deserts</b>	Namib (Africa), Baja California (Mexico)	Cold ocean currents cool air, creating fog but preventing rain.
<b>Cold / Polar Deserts</b>	Antarctica, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Great Basin (USA)	High latitudes; moisture locked in ice; low evaporation rates.
<b>Semi-Arid Steppe</b>	Sahel (Africa), Eurasian Steppe, North American Prairies	Transitional zones; seasonal rainfall; dominated by shrubs/grasses.

Reference Template: Arid Ecology Distribution Chart | Modern Minimalist Series