



Ammophila arenaria

European Beachgrass

General

1. Coarse perennial grass

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Coastal dunes of Europe from 30-60°N
2. Introduced: Atlantic Coast from Massachusetts to Delaware, California, Hawai'i, Maryland, Oregon, Washington
3. Climate
 - Soil temps 10-40°C, salt concentrations no more than 1.5-2%
 - Grows best in mobile or semi-stable sand dunes
 - Thrives in wind-blown, foredune areas above high tide line



Invasion Pathways

1. Intentional planting to stabilize sand dunes
2. Floating vegetation/debris
3. Natural dispersal

Sources

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