**Beach scraping versus beach nourishment**

Beach scraping is the movement of sand from the intertidal zone to the dune or upper beach by mechanical means. It has also been called beach skimming, beach panning, nature assisted beach enhancement and assisted beach recovery.

Beach scraping mimics natural beach recovery processes, but increases the recovery rate compared with natural processes. In combination with revegetation schemes, beach scraping has commonly been used for dune building.

Beach scraping differs from beach nourishment in that nourishment involves sand being brought in from elsewhere (eg north Wooli beach or from dredging the river), whereas with beach scraping, sand is moved locally from the waters-edge to the nearby dune. This redistribution used in scraping means that natural forces may do some of the work, potentially resulting in lower costs than nourishment.