El paisaje vegetal entre la Playa del Inglés y la Vega de Arure (La Gomera. Islas Canarias)

The plant landscape between Playa del Inglés and Vega de Arure (La Gomera. Canary Islands)

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The interfluve that delimits Valle Gran Rey in the west, from Playa del Inglés to Vega de Arure, is a splendid example of the catena of between coastal vegetation and laurel forest of the central and highest area of La Gomera. While the cliffs are a characteristic landscape that surrounds almost the entire island coastline, the sandy grounds and wetlands are extremely rare and Playa del Inglés is one of the few coastal sites of La Gomera with remarkable diversity of plant landscape. The effect of climate gradient has been simplified by the traditional management of this territory and today there is a spontaneous readaptation dynamics which complicates the interpretation of the plant communities geography.

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