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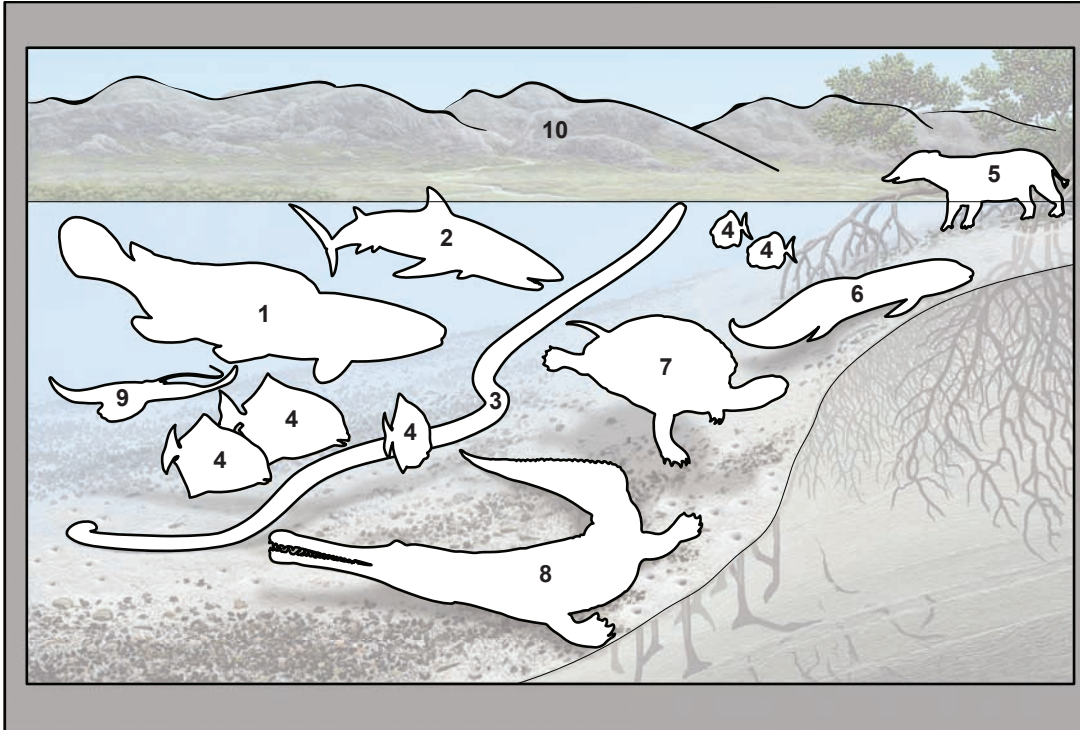
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1- *Maliamia gigas*

2- *Cretalamna (Serratolamna) maroccana*

3- *Palaeophis colossaeus*

4- *Pycnodus jonesae*

5- Plesiephantiform mammal

6- *Lavocatodus giganteus*

7- *Acleistochelys maliensis*

8- *Rhabdognathus aslerensis*

9- *Myliobatis wurnoensis*

10- Adrar des Iforas massif

FRONTISPIECE. Reconstruction of the Trans-Saharan Seaway waters (*opposite page, foldout; with key above*) from the Late Cretaceous–early Paleogene by Carl Buell. Sunlight of the tropics illuminated seawater filled with mangrove roots near shore where freshwater influence was highest. Mollusks lined the floor of the shallow sea, and tube-shaped burrows opened onto the seafloor.

