## **Sediments of the Shelf**

Most common is sand

2mm to 1/16mm

(a) <u>Terregenous sand:</u> caused by minerals on land particles carried to the sea by streams ect.

Cape - quarky sand (most common)

Fieldspar

Meca

Homblande

- (b) <u>Calcarenite Sand:</u> made up of shelf fragments forms corals (CaCOa)
- (c) **Anthegenic Sand** precipitation from sea H2O

Oolites (CaC03)

Glauconites (green)

Phosphate (brown)

Can usually see sand grains individually

Sand usually contains all three types. Sand is named from highest %(percent) present.

(2) Most common type of deposition sediment on the self is mud (or lutite)

Diameter of grain is less than 1/16

- (a) Silt (1/16) mm to (1/256) mm
- (b) Clay (less than 1/256 mm)

Difficult to see by eye the grains

Diagnostic Fracture

Dry species



## If holds together = mud

If separates = sand

- (3) Most Common type of sediment is gravel than (4 mm) long
  - (a) Gravel = less than 4 mm
  - (b) Pebble = 4-64 mm long
- (4) Volcanic Fragments
  - (a) Bombs (larger deposit)
  - (b) Ash (dust)
  - (c) Pumice poris SID2 (glass)
- (5) Sea Weeds
- (6) Mollusks
- (7) Sponges
- (8) Hard Rock bottom