



FIGURE 7. Plot 13, northern peat dome, Waipaua Block, May 1997.

(Left) Karamu sapling among tarahinau inside enclosure, undisturbed by browsing and rooting.

(Below) Tarahinau saplings rooted out by pigs alongside the enclosure. This rooting will prevent a forest forming if it persists.

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FIGURE 8

The soaring nikau palms of central Pitt Island, May 1997. Once far more abundant and cradled within a dense forest, they are fading out fast and not being replaced. Are we about to let the sun set on them forever?

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FIGURE 9. Historic photos of nikau palms that are disappearing from Pitt Island.

(Left) On the slopes known as the Toobung paddocks, north-east of Hakepa. Man with axe sunken into the trunk of the nearest palm. Photographer unknown, from the Guest Collection held at the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.

(Below) Picnic in short-stature nikau forest heavily browsed by domestic stock. Photo Carl Gerstenkorn, from the Lovell-Smith Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.

