



Figure 35 Sand dynamics at Plot 1. Top: NE corner of big enclosure undermined by about 30cm of sand deflation, caused by a single storm. Bottom: raising the SW corner post of the big enclosure in June 1990, just one year after construction, because of sand build-up. By mid 1997 the sand depth had increased by over 4m in this corner.



Figure 36 Plot 2, a stable dune flat at the north end of Ocean Beach and an unusual site for pingao. Top: in July 1990, plenty of healthy adult pingao present. Bottom: in August 1997, by which time the pingao had virtually gone, choked out by competing vegetation (grasses, sedges, rushes, shore bindweed and pasture herbs).



Figure 37 Plot 3, a low foredune at the north end of Ocean Beach. Top: in July 1990. Middle: in October 1995, the pingao and spinifex having grown seawards a lot, especially to the right. Bottom: in August 1997, the sandbinders chopped back by storm-driven sea erosion.



Figure 38 Two serious weeds of the Ocean Beach dunes. Top: pampas grass actively spreading in a dune hollow. Bottom: a self-sown pine, one of many appearing in the middle section of the dunes. Control done soon would nip the spread of both of these weeds in the bud before the task becomes major.