



Figure 9: Plot 10, Waipaua Block, Pitt Island Scenic Reserve
Two views of the nikau forests here: their stronghold in the Chatham Islands.
They will disappear in time unless better animal control is carried out to allow
nikau regeneration. March 1993.





Figure 10:

Stages in the historical loss of nikau forest on Pitt Island, yet indicating a residents' pride in the existence of the palms. The upper photo by Carl Gerstenkorn (from the Lovell-Smith Collection held at the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington) shows short-stature nikau forest heavily browsed by domestic stock. The lower photo (photographer unknown, from the Guest Collection held at the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington) shows even more degraded nikau forest on the northern slopes of Hakepa.



Figure 11: *Foreground:* Treeland on conservation land leased for grazing. *Background:* Recovering forest and retired pasture of the Canister Cove and Glory Blocks of Pitt Island Scenic Reserve. The treeland will disappear if grazing persists. March 1993.



Figure 12: The Half Chain, a cleared strip through the Waipaua Block of Pitt Island Scenic Reserve. The fate of the forests hangs in the balance: there are currently too many sheep, pigs and cattle to allow adequate regeneration: with better animal control the forests will recover and persist. March 1993.