

Report on Planting day 17th July 2005

Five people came (2 Trustees and 3 members), and worked hard to plant 124 native sand plants.

The weather was not very pleasant, a strong south-easterly was blowing across the sand flats. However, it was more sheltered in the sand dunes, and all plants were planted in about 1 ½ hours.

The attached map shows the locations, and groups of plants were marked with stakes with a grey painted tip so that they could be easily found again to monitor their progress. Each plant received about 1 tbsp Nitrophoska Blue to try and give them a good start, and all were sprayed with a rabbit repellent (eggs, paint and water) in a effort to deter rabbits from chewing them up.

List of Plants

32 Pingao

60 Sand coprosma (*Coprosma acerosa*)

16 Sand daphne (*Pimelia arenosa*)

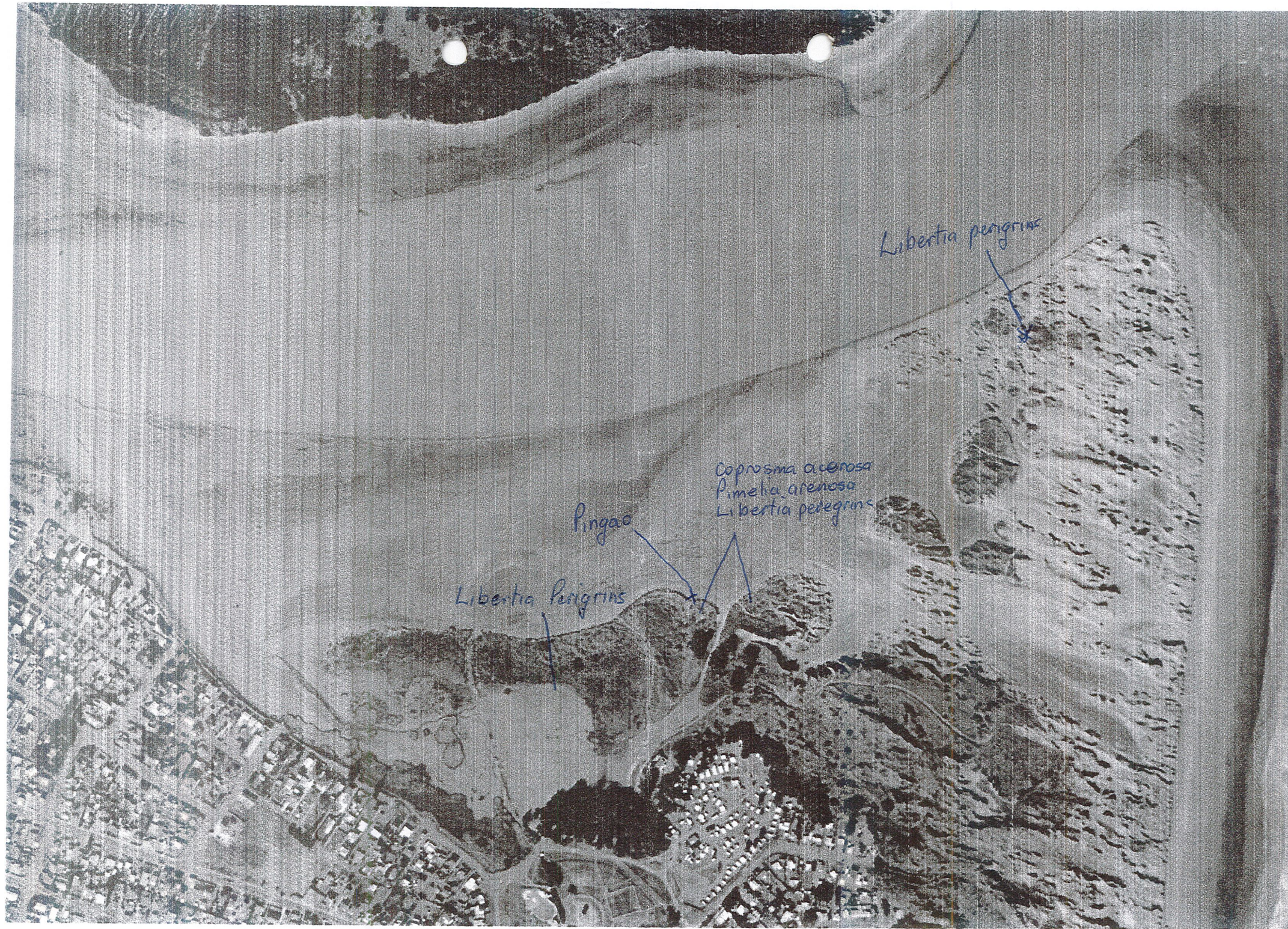
16 NZ Iris (*Libertia peregrins*)

Most of the plants were planted near the vehicle access at the river end in the sand hills there. Spinifex has established itself in this are.

Six of the Libertia were planted out on the sand dunes on the spit in a sheltered hollow as an experiment to see how they went. Much sign of rabbits.

There is a need to monitor how these plants grow, for reference when we next do some planting.

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Taken 29-7-05



Coprosma acerose planted west of car access – run over by a dog!



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Pimelia arenosa planted east of car access



Caprosma acerose west of car access

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pingao – about 25 metres east of car access – planted amongst Spinifex



Same from other direction

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Libertia perigrins planted in dunes near spit



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