

Email from David Pearman to Miles Irving - 12th June 2015

Miles, Sorry for the delay, but it is summer and lots to botanise outside!

I wrote that 18 years ago!

I do not now think that collecting was a problem.

I think that grazing might have been a problem in the past, because it seems that stock eagerly graze it right down, and nowadays there is little or no grazing on beaches.

If I was pressed I would say that the real reason for recent successes is the frequency of storms, which has meant much more breaking up of fragments and spread to new areas, along with seed in the same way .

On Chesil in Dorset there were a MASS of new plants after the big storms of the 1990s. So what was uncommon became widespread within its range.

Does that help?

Best wishes,

David