Terrestrial habitat map of Aldabra Atoll





Mangroves

Homogeneous areas of a number of mangrove tree species



Grassland

Homogeneous areas of tortoise turf grass

Source: R Baxter, D Hansen, C Quanz and J van de Crommenacker



Open mixed scrub

Woody plants at low density. Ground layer vegetation has high percentage cover of tortoise turf. Dicotyledonous herbs and long grasses are rare



Exposed surface

Limited vegetation cover, absent in some areas and where present dominated by tortoise turf. Bare substrate composed of champignon, sand or platin



Standard mixed scrub

Similar to open mixed scrub but woody plants at a higher density. Tortoise turf is rare or absent, dominated by Fimbristylis cymosa and Cyperus niveus



Champignon

Dominated by areas of champignon rock, with minimal vegeta-



Pemphis scrub

Homogeneous habitat dominated by Pemphis acidula



Sand

Dominated by sand substrate, small amount of ground level vegetation in some areas. Also includes dried out seasonal pools on Grande Terre