

Cenchrus spinifex

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.21**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **June-September**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal, Anthropochory**

Dispersal distance class: **1, 7**

Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Neophyte**

Ecology

Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **9**

Temperature indicator value: **8.5**

Moisture indicator value: **1.5**

Reaction indicator value: **8**

Nutrient indicator value: **1.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.25**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **2.04**

Disturbance severity: **0.59**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.55**

Mowing frequency: **0.21**

Grazing pressure: **0.14**

Soil disturbance: **0.6**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [JC \(CAK\) *Cakiletea maritimae*](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal beach, dune or shingle, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**