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FOR THE YEARS 1981 TO 1987

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#### ABSTRACT:-

This report provides a summary of primary analyses of COPE data on wind, wave and beach processes observed at Bramston Beach and Bramston Beach North, in the Mulgrave Shire, on the North Queensland coast. The data was recorded by volunteer observers during the period February 1981 to December 1987. The Beach Protection Authority wishes to thank all observers involved in the recording of data at both Cope Stations. For the remainder of the report where applicable, Bramston Beach is stated as Site 1 and Bramston Beach North as Site 2. The information published is considered representative of the long term conditions. Both Site 1 and Site 2 were still active at June 1988.

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Programme

The Beach Protection Authority requires basic data on the behaviour of Queensland's beaches in order to provide well founded advice on coastal management to Local Authorities. The COPE project aims to collect information on wind, waves and beach behaviour in areas where extensive investigations are not practical and where otherwise little or no data exist.

The project is based on the recruitment of volunteer observers who are prepared to record a series of basic parameters once or twice daily for at least a three year period.

#### 1.2 Site Selection

In selecting a site for a COPE station, consideration is given to:-

- (a) the general shoreline configuration and the possibility of extrapolation of data to other adjacent beaches;
- (b) the distribution of stations along Queensland's coastline;
- (c) the need to correlate the COPE data with planned or existing data collection programmes.

### 1.3 Instrumentation

The COPE observers are supplied with a basic kit of recording instruments including:-

- 30 metre Tape, Wind Meter, Stop Watch, 2.0 metre Measuring sticks, Recording Forms and Fluorescent Dye.

A graduated reference pole is installed on the beach to serve as the base point for all plan measurements and the control for vertical levelling.

#### 1.4 Observers

The majority of COPE observers are volunteers, who may be local business people, local residents or school children. Some stations are operated by Government employees who carry out the observations as part of their official duties.

#### 1.5 Accuracy

Individual observers differ in their subjective assessment of the various parameters recorded as part of the COPE programme. Wave parameters such as type, height, and angle of approach together with surf zone width and the location of the vegetation line all require visual assessment, the accuracy of which will vary from observer to observer and from recording to recording. Although the Authority is confident that all observers make their observations to the best of their ability and accepts these observations without adjustment, the existence of random and non-random errors in the recorded data is to be expected.

Problems associated with the use of data containing these errors are minimised in two ways. Firstly, regular visits are made to the COPE stations by the Authority's COPE Field Officer to provide a check on any bias introduced into the recordings by incorrect observation procedures. Secondly, it has been found that, with a large number of observations taken on a regular basis, a reasonable assessment can be made of the average climatologies of the observed parameters provided the observation errors are random. A minimum recording period of three years has been adopted for the analysis and publication of the data. Five day moving averages are applied to observations of the various beach width and foreshore slope parameters to smooth out random errors.

For these reasons, the Authority is of the opinion that published COPE data can be used with confidence provided the above inherent limitations are recognised.

#### 1.6 Presentation of Data

The purpose of this report is to present COPE data for the six year period 1981 to 1987 in a useful statistical form. No attempt has been made to interpret the observed data.

If the six year period is representative of the long term average meteorological conditions, the statistics presented on wind, wave and beach movements can be regarded as typical. However, this recording period may be considered too short to be representative in terms of the average occurrence of extreme events such as cyclones and floods, and this should be taken into account when consideration is being given to the influence of such events on trends of long term beach behaviour.

#### 2.0 STATION PARTICULARS

#### 2.1 Location

Bramston Beach and Bramston Beach North are located within Mulgrave Shire and lie approximately 55 kilometres south of Cairns on the North Queensland coast. It is a 12 kilometre stretch of coastline bounded by Rocky Point to the south and Mount Josey to the north. The locations of the Bramston Beach and Bramston Beach North Cope Stations are shown in Figures 1.1. and 1.2.

#### 2.2 Observers

Bramston Beach: This station has been operated by Mr C. Anderson, Mr A. Biggs, Mr B. Fegan, Mr E. Accatino, Mr B. Hyde, Mr G. Feldman and Mr & Mrs K. Eaton during the period February 1981 to December 1987. A gap in data occurred from August 1981 to May 1983. Current observer is Mr C. Anderson with assistance from Mr E. Accatino.

Bramston Beach North: This station has been operated by Mr. A. Biggs, Mr C. Anderson, Mr B. Fegan and Mr E. Accatino during the period February 1986 to December 1987. Current observer is Mr A. Biggs.

#### 2.3 Observed Parameters

Bramston Beach: The observers at this station initially recorded twice daily at 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. but from May 1983 this was reduced to once daily between 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Bramston Beach North: The observers at this station recorded once daily between 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

These stations have recorded:

- Wave Period
- Wave Height
- Wave Direction
- Wave Type
- Surf Zone Width
- Presence of Offshore Bar
- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- State of Tide
- Fixed Contour
- Distance to Fixed Contour
- Distance to Vegetation Line
- Sand level at the C.O.P.E. reference pole
- Foreshore Slope
- Longshore Current Speed
- Longshore Current Direction.
- Distance from Shoreline to Dye Patch (recorded from February 1986)

In addition a sand sample was collected at the stations each month, and since March 1984, a profile of the beach has usually been recorded monthly.

#### 2.4 Tidal Information

Tidal information is presented below. Datum is Low Water Datum.

M.H.W.S.	2.20 metres
M.H.W.N.	1.60 metres
M.S.L.	1.32 metres
M.L.W.N.	1.10 metres
M.L.W.S.	0.40 metres

A.H.D. is 1.25 metres above Low Water Datum.

Tidal information was obtained from the 1988 Department of Harbours and Marine Tide Book.

#### 2.5 Description of the Beach

The following characteristics were exhibited by both Site 1 and Site 2:-

- Typical beach slopes: Foreshore slope is in the range 1 in 5 to 1 in 30  $(11^{\circ} 2^{\circ})$ .
- Beach width: Varied from 20 to 50 metres measured from the seaward toe of frontal dune to Low Water Mark over the six year period.
- D50 sand size: 0.55 mm averaged over six years.

Adjoining Landform: Low and narrow frontal beach ridge backed by a distinct swale grading into flatter hind ridge terrain in front of the residential development.

- Vegetation: The frontal ridge and hind ridge areas support openforest with a dense understorey of shrubs. Ground cover on the frontal ridge includes guinea grass (Panicum maximum), goat's foot convolvulus (Ipomoea pes-caprae), beach grass (Thua involuta) and wedelia (Wedelia biflora). Tree and shrub species present include horsetail she-oak (Casuarina equisitifolia var. incana), hickory wattle (Acacia aulacocarpa), brown salwood (Acacia crassicarpa), silverleaved tea-tree (Melaleuca dealbata), red ash (Alphitonia excelsa), lolly bush (Clerodendrum inerme), sea almonds (Terminalia app) and coconut palms Cocus mucifera).

#### 2.5.1 Meteorological Events

The following cyclones were recorded by the Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology as having tracks within 500 kilometres of Bramston Beach between February 1981 and December 1987. It is considered that these cyclone events may have had some effect on the condition of Bramston Beach.

Event	Date
Cyclone Freda	25/02/81 - 01/03/81
Cyclone Dominic	07/04/82 - 14/04/82
Cyclone Des	16/01/83 - 19/01/83
Cyclone Ingrid	20/02/84 - 25/02/84
Cyclone Pierre	20/02/85 - 21/02/85
Cyclone Vernon	21/01/86 - 24/01/86
Cyclone Winifred	27/01/86 - 02/02/86
Cyclone Manu	22/04/86 - 27/04/86

#### 2.5.2 Coastal Works

A groyne adjacent to Bramston Beach Road was constructed by Mulgrave Shire Council with work being completed in June 1986. Beach nourishment of approximately 4000 cubic metres of sand was included in the groyne construction project. Sand was placed on the beach for a distance of 180 metres south of the groyne. Further beach nourishment in the vicinity of Bramston Beach North Station took place in July 1987.

#### 2.6 Supervision of Station

The observers were instructed in the recording programme by the COPE Field Officer and the initial instruction period was followed up with visits to the station during the period of recordings presented in this report.

Installation of the reference pole for both stations was carried out by the Mulgrave Shire Council and the Authority wishes to thank the Council for its assistance in all matters associated with the COPE project. Maintenance of the poles is carried out by the Beach Protection Authority's COPE Field Officer.

#### 3.0 DATA

#### 3.1 General

COPE data for each station for the periods stated is presented on the attached figures. The data has been analysed statistically and/or smoothed to reveal long term averages or trends. A brief description of each of the observed parameters is given below with the relevant figure references.

#### 3.2 Wind

The observer recorded the wind speed at the beach using a hand held wind meter at 1.5 metres above beach level. Prior to February 1986 wind direction was estimated to the nearest compass sector. After this time wind direction is recorded in degrees by compass.

A summary of annual wind speed and direction percentage occurrences are shown as a wind rose in Figures 3 and 4. Where applicable, morning and afternoon readings as well as the overall average are shown.

Wind speed was recorded in miles per hour (m.p.h.) rather than knots after February 1986. The recordings are converted back to knots for Figures 3 and 4.

#### 3.3 Waves

The average and maximum breaker height (trough to crest) is usually estimated to the nearest 0.1 metre. From experience the estimate of average breaker height has been found to be comparable with the equivalent deep water significant wave height.

Recordings of maximum wave height and method used to obtain wave height were introduced into the programme from February 1986. Wave type and state of tide were discontinued at this time.

The observers estimate the wave period by recording the time taken for eleven wave crests (the duration of 10 waves) to pass a point.

Wave direction was recorded in degrees of a compass from March 1986. The direction recorded was then converted to a sector (see following paragraph regarding sector system).

The wave direction is estimated as one of five direction sectors indicating the angle to the shoreline alignment from which the waves are approaching the beach. These sectors have been selected as:-

Sector 1	-	0 <sup>0</sup> to	
Sector 2		61 <sup>0</sup> to	
Sector 3	-	86 <sup>0</sup> to	
Sector 4	-	96 <sup>0</sup> to	
Sector 5	-	121 <sup>0</sup> to	180 <sup>0</sup>

Note: 0° is the beach alignment to the left of the observer when facing seaward, and at the COPE station this direction is approximately 330° true north for both Site 1 and Site 2.

Statistical representations of the observed wave data include:-

- (a) the percentage of wave height recordings which exceed any given wave height for all directions combined (Figures 5 and 6).
- (b) the percentage occurrence of various combinations of wave heights and periods and directions (Figures 7, 8, 9 and 10).
- (c) surf zone width with an indication of the existence or otherwise of an offshore bar (Figure 11 to Figure 22.)
- (d) tabulation of the occurrence of various wave heights, periods, types and directions (Tables 1 to 8).

#### 3.4 Longshore Currents

The observer measured the distance parallel to the shoreline that a dye patch in the surf zone moved in one minute. Current direction is either upcoast or downcoast, upcoast being to the left when facing the sea from the beach.

The readings are converted to a velocity which is plotted on a daily basis (Figure 23 to Figure 34). Mean upcoast and downcoast components and the overall annual means are also presented.

### 3.5 Beach Profile Parameters

Beach profile parameters were measured until 1983 using an Abney level, tape measure and reference pole. These include:

- Distance from reference pole to the fixed contour.
- Elevation of the fixed contour.
- Distance from reference pole to the vegetation line.
- The foreshore slope.

Since 1983 profiles have been recorded using a measuring stick, the reference pole, and a line of sight to the horizon.

Sand level at the reference pole was formally recorded from February 1986 and the measurement of foreshore slope was discontinued at this time.

Changes in these parameters with time indicate how the beach moves in response to varying wave attack. Plots of these parameters are shown in Figure 35 to Figure 42.

#### 3.6 Monthly Beach Profiles

Beach profiles are normally taken at the beginning of each month. However, should the beach undergo appreciable erosion or accretion during the month, then the observer is requested to take another beach profile. Monthly beach profiles are shown in Figure 43 to Figure 48.

### TABLE I

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Bramston Beach

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No. of Observations: 265

Year 1981

MONTH	MEAN WAVE PERIOD (secs)	WAVE D HEIGHT	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction												
			Wave Type						Wave Direction						
			SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY															
FEBRUARY	5.1	0.46	70.0	10.0	20,0	-			55.0	5.0	40.0	_			
MARCH	5.0	0.45	95.2	3.2	20.0		1.6	_	32.3	14.5	51.6	_	1.6		
APRIL	5.2	0.37	31.0	5.2	13.8	48.3	1.7	_	17.2	41.5	37.9	3.4			
MAY	5.7	0.50	72.6	12.9	_	11.3	3.2	_		51.6	45.2	-	3.2		
JUNE	5.6	0.25	50.9	-	1.9	47.2	_	1.9	3.8	54.6	34.0	5.7	_		
JULY	6.9	0.36	40.0	10.0		50.0	-	-		80.0	20.0	-	-		
AUGUST	-		-	-	! _	] _	-	1 -	_	-	-	-	] _		
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DECEMBER			ļ		}	1	}	1	\$	}		}			
WHOLE YEAR	5.4	0.40	63.1	6.0	4.9	24.5	1.5	0.4	16.2	38.9	41.5	1.9	1.1		

SP – Spilling

PL - Plunging

SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION **OCCURRENCES**

**Bramston Beach** 

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No. of Observations: 244

Year 1983

MONTH	MEAN WAVE PERIOD (secs)	MEAN	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction											
		WAVE HEIGHT	Wave Type					Wave Direction						
		(metres)	SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Caim	
JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH														
APRIL MAY JUNE	4.6 5.3	0.45 0.39	51.8	13.8	17.2	17.2	-	-	6.7	10.0 53.3	80.0 36.7	3.3	10.0	
JULY AUGUST	5.6 5.6	0.32	-	-	45.2	54.8 46.7	-		3.2	48.4 58.1	51.6 38.7	-	-	
SEPTEMBER OCTOBER	5.0 4.5	0.39	-	- 3.2	73.3	26.7	- 3.2		6.7 25.8	73.3	20.0 16.1	-	- 3.2	
NOVEMBER DECEMBER	4.5 4.1	0.30 0.36			90.0 74.2	10.0 25.8	-	-	10.0 13.3	80.0 30.0	10.0 56.7		-	
WHOLE YEAR	4.9	0.36	6.2	2.9	57.4	31.8	1.7	0.0	8.2	51.1	38.7	0.4	1.6	

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION **OCCURRENCES**

Bramston Beach

No. of Observations: 365

Year 1984

MONTH	MEAN		Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction												
	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE HEIGHT	Wave Туре						Wave Direction						
	(secs)	(metres)	SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	4.7	0.24			87.0	6.5	6.5		3.3	80.0	10.0	-	6.7		
FEBRUARY	4.5	0.39			75.9	24.1				37.9	62.1		0.7		
MARCH	4.7	0.31			64.5	22.6	12.9		6.7	36.7	43.3	-	13.3		
APRIL	4.6	0.43		1	63.3	36.7		[	-	36.7	63.3	-			
MAY	5.1	0.42			48.4	51.6	-		- 1	51.6	48.4	_	_		
JUNE	5.1	0.45			46.7	53.3	-	· -	-	70.0	30.0	-	- 1		
JULY	5.1	0.33			41.9	51.6	6.5	-	<b>_</b>	87.1	9.7	-	3.2		
AUGUST	5.2	0.37			83.9	12.9	3.2	-	3.2	87.1	6.5	-	3.2		
SEPTEMBER	4.9	0.37			96.7	3.3	-	-	13.3	83.4	3.3	-	-		
OCTOBER	4.2	0.38		1	74.2	25.8	-	-	12.9	67.7	19.4	-	-		
NOVEMBER	4.1	0.39			72.4	27.6	-	-	13.8	48.3	37.9	-	-		
DECEMBER	4.1	0.36			90.3	9.7	-	-	29.0	51.6	19.4	-	-		
WHOLE YEAR	4.7	0.37	0.0	0.0	70.4	27.1	2.5	0.0	6.9	61.7	29.2	0.0	2.2		

SP - Spilling PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

#### **Bramston Beach**

No. of Observations: 304

Year 1985

MONTH	MEAN	MEAN	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction												
	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE HEIGHT	Wave Type						Wave Direction						
	(secs)	(metres)	SP	PL.	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	4.5	0.35	_	_	67.7	29.0	3.2		12.9	64.5	19.4	_	3.2		
FEBRUARY	4.6	0.46		_	75.0	25.0	-	_	14.3	35.7	50.0				
MARCH	5.2	0.41	-	_	64.5	35.5	- 1		3.2	67.8	29.0				
APRIL	4.9	0.35	-	-	70.0	30.0	-	·	_	60.0	40.0	-	1		
MAY	5.3	0.46	-	-	74.2	25.8	-	-	-	58.1	41.9	- 1	1 -		
JUNE	5.1	0.31	-	-	93.3	6.7	-	-	_	60.0	40.0	-	_		
JULY	5.1	0.31	-	-	83.9	16.1	-	1 -	1 -	80.6	19.4	-	-		
AUGUST	5.3	0.35	-	-	90.3	9.7	1 -	<b>_</b>	-	90.3	9.7	-	1 -		
SEPTEMBER	5.3	0.31	-	3.3	83.4	13.3	-		6.7	80.0	13.3	-	_		
OCTOBER	4.6	0.34	-	- 1	67.7	32.3	-	-	12.9	61.3	25.8	-	_		
NOVEMBER	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WHOLE YEAR	5.0	0.36	0.0	0.3	77.0	22.4	0.3	0.0	4.9	66.2	28.6	0.0	0.3		

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

# MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

**Bramston Beach** 

No. of Observations: 295 Year 1986

	MEAN WAVE	MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction								
MONTH	PERIOD (secs)		Wave Direction								
		(metres)	1	2	3	4	5	Calm			
JANUARY						[		1			
FEBRUARY	3.0	0.23	40.0	10.0	10.0	30.0	10.0				
MARCH	5.0	0.43	-	3.2	10.0	83.9	12.9	-			
APRIL	7.7	0.48	_	10.3	10.3	41.5	37.9				
MAY	7.8	0.34	-	25.9	25.9	44.5	3.7				
JUNE	7.8	0.33	-	7.1	7.1	67.9	17.9				
JULY	6.6	0.37	-	33.3	33.3	33.4	-	_			
AUGUST	7.5	0.41	13.3	33.3	23.4	30.0	_	-			
SEPTEMBER	8.1	0.37	11.1	25.9	37.1	22.2	3.7	<u> </u>			
OCTOBER	4.6	0.47	40.7	48.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	-			
NOVEMBER	6.3	0.21	10.0	45.0	10.0	35.0	-	-			
DECEMBER	6.8	0.21	9.7	45.1	22.6	19.4	3.2	-			
WHOLE YEAR	6.7	0.36	9.3	26.6	17.2	38.3	8.6	0.0			

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### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

#### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION **OCCURRENCES**

Bramston Beach North

No. of Observations: 313

Year 1986

	MEAN WAVE PERIOD (secs)	MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction										
MONTH								Wave Direction					
			SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm
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FEBRUARY	3.6	0.22	CR	CR	I CR		I CR	30.0	10.0	10.0	40.0	10.0	- 1
MARCH	5.5	0.50						_	-	9.7	71.0	16.1	3.2
APRIL	6.8	0.56	Į		Į	ļ		-	6.7	10.0	53.3	30.0	- 1
MAY	7.5	0.45						-	16.7	26.7	53.3	3.3	- 1
JUNE	7.0	0.34						] _ ]	23.3	16.7	60.0	] -	-
JULY	6.9	0.37			ĺ			-	25.8	32.3	35.4	6.5	- 1
AUGUST	6.8	0.33						6.5	19.4	25.8	38.6	9.7	- 1
SEPTEMBER	6.8	0.32						10.0	43.3	20.1	23.3	3.3	-
OCTOBER	6.2	0.32	[		1			6.7	73.4	3.3	13.3	3.3	-
NOVEMBER	6.1	0.30	1					13.3	30.0	23.4	30.0	3.3	-
DECEMBER	5.8	0.30						26.7	40.0	20.0	13.3	-	
WHOLE YEAR	6.5	0.37	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	27.2	18.5	39.3	7.7	0.3

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SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

CR - Ceased Recording Wave Type

### MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

# MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Bramston Beach

No. of Observations: 327 Year 1987

	MEAN WAVE	MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction							
MONTH	PERIOD (secs)		Wave Direction							
			1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	6,5	0.22	16.1	32.3	22.6	22.5	6.5	_		
FEBRUARY	6.8	0.32	_	3.6	7.1	78.6	10.7	-		
MARCH	6.9	0.30	12.9	6.5	6.5	58.0	16.1			
APRIL	5.4	0.38		-	6.7	93.3				
MAY	5.2	0.32	_	3.2	6.5	90.3	_	-		
JUNE	5.2	0.35	_	3.3	6.7	90.0	-	-		
JULY	5.0	0.29	_	3.2	3.2	93.6	-	-		
AUGUST	6.6	0,35	3.1	18.8	12.5	65.6		-		
SEPTEMBER	5.9	0.55	-	3,4	10.3	82.9	3.4	-		
OCTOBER	4.5	0.55	37.5	41.7	10.5	20.8	5.4	-		
NOVEMBER	4.2	0.50	30.0	23.3		46.7	-	-		
DECEMBER	5.0	0.63	6.5	12.9	-	80.6	-	_		
WHOLE YEAR	5.6	0.39	8.4	12.3	7.0	69.2	3.1	0.0		

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### MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Bramston Beach North

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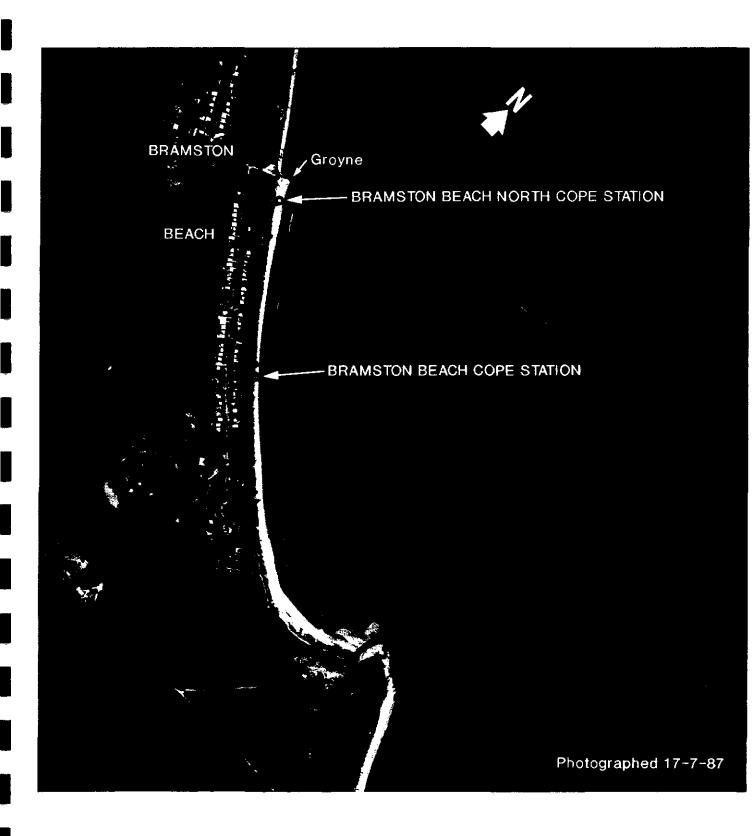
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Year 1987

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MONTH	WAVE PERIOD									
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JANUARY	5.2	0.20	6.7	50.0	20.0	16.7	_	6.7		
FEBRUARY	5.1	0.35	-	~ 1	21.4	64.3	7.1	7.1		
MARCH	5.7	0.32	10.0	16.7	10.0	56.7	6.7			
APRIL	6.1	0.48	-	3.3	6.7	70.0	20.0	-		
MAY	6.8	0.39	-	6.7	13.3	70.0	10.0	-		
JUNE	6.2	0.39	-	10.7	7.1	7 <i>5</i> .0	7.1	-		
JULY	6.8	0.37	_ (	3.3	33.3	60.0	3.3	-		
AUGUST	6.9	0.34	-	12.9	38.7	45.2	3.2	-		
SEPTEMBER	5.8	0.48	-	-	31.0	62.1	6.9	-		
OCTOBER	5.9	0.33	22.6	51.6	19.4	6.5		-		
NOVEMBER	5.4	0.30	6.7	40.0	20.0	33.3	-	-		
DECEMBER	4.5	0.40	6.5	12.9	32.3	41.9	6.5	-		
WHOLE YEAR	6.0	0.36	4.5	17.6	21.2	49.7	5.9	1.1		

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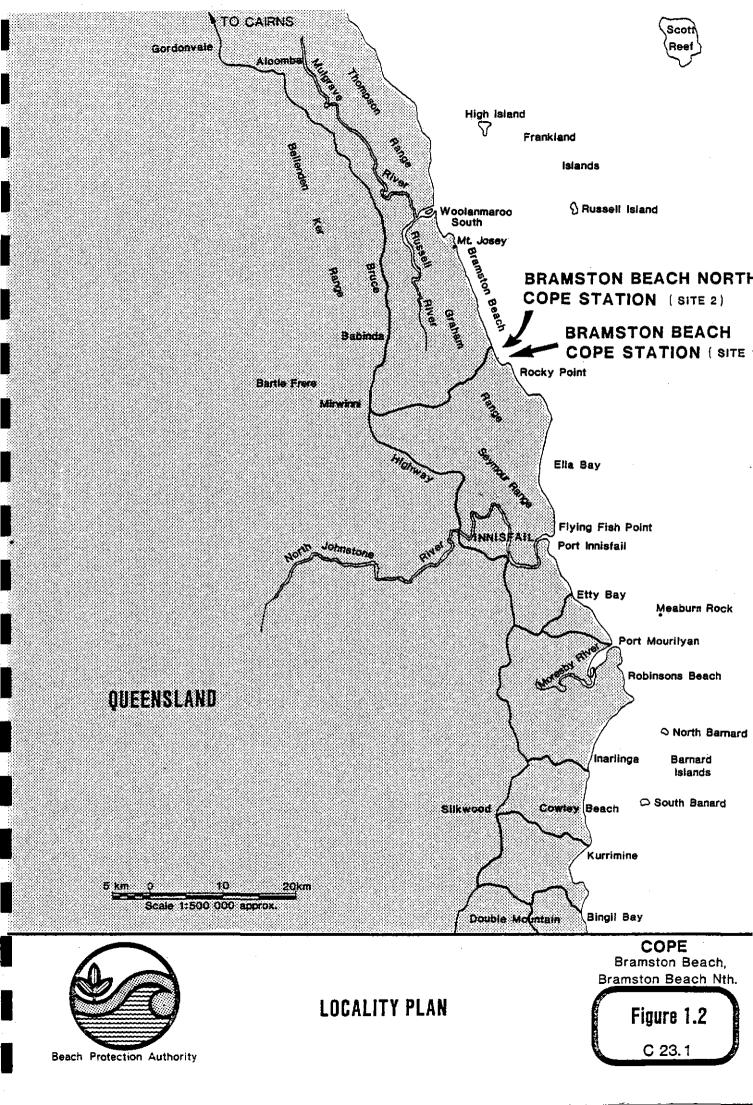


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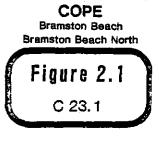
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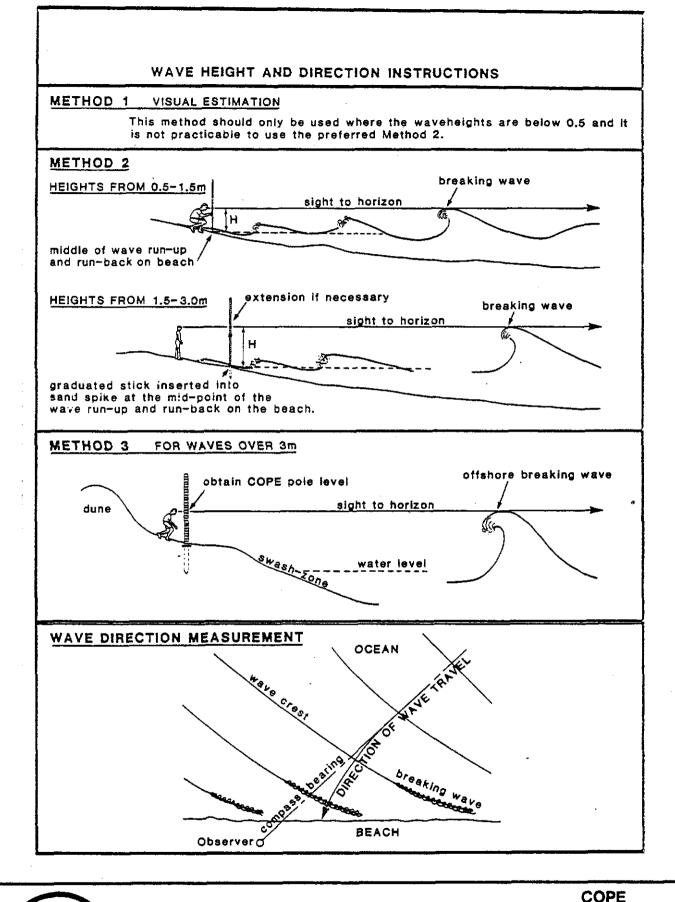


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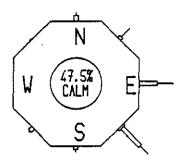




**METHODS FOR RECORDING WAVE PARAMETERS** 

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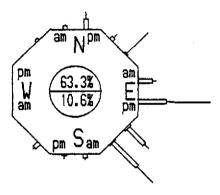
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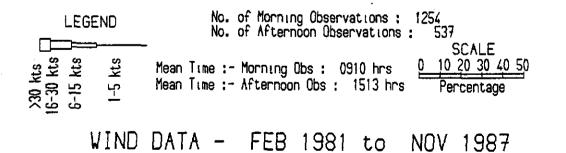


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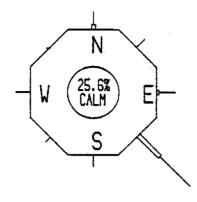
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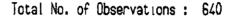
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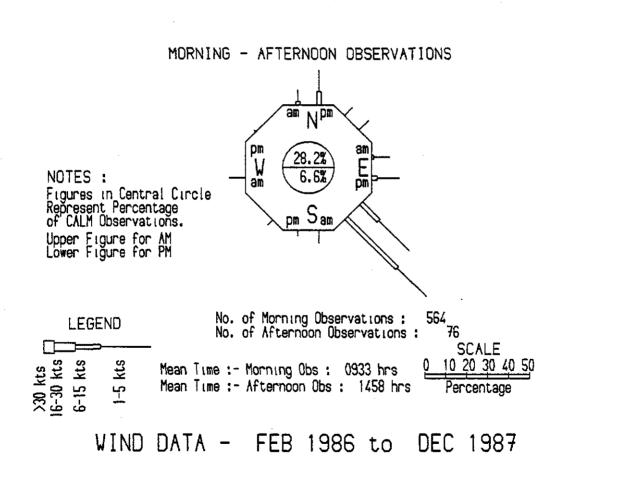
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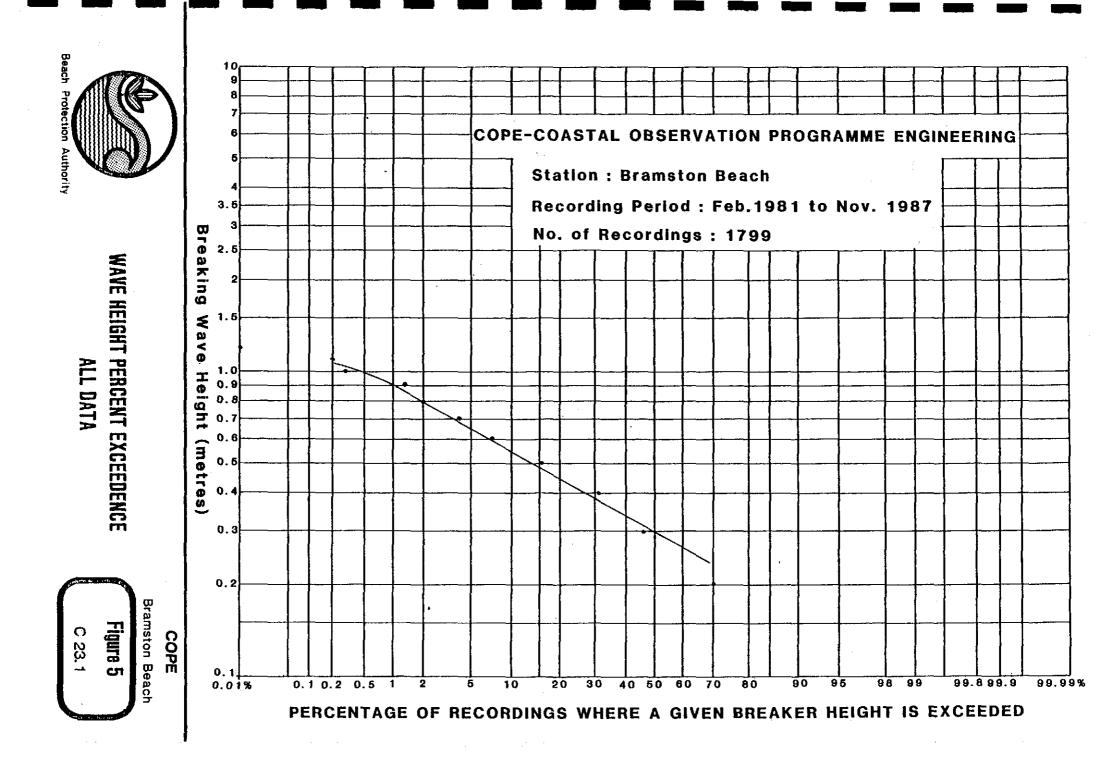


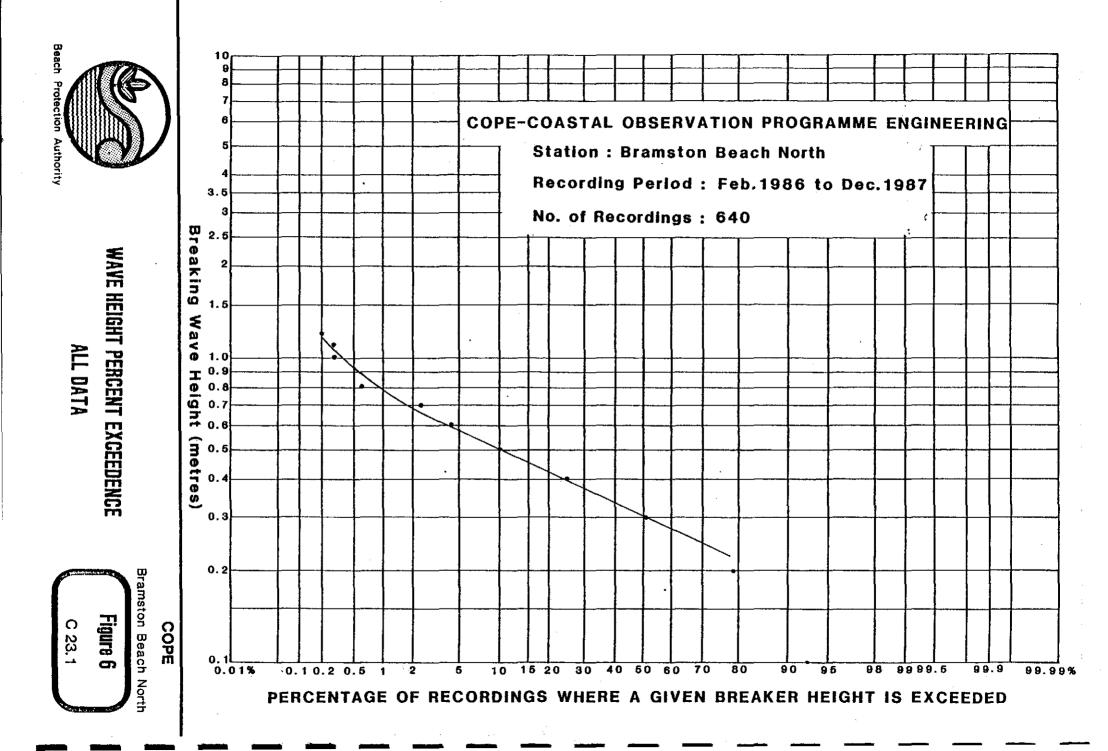


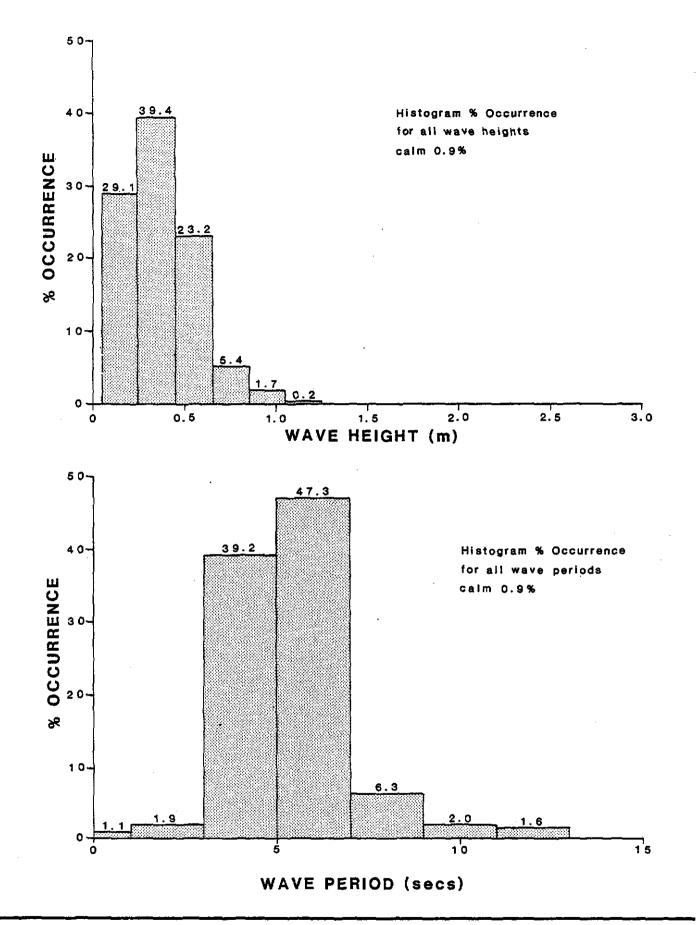


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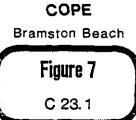


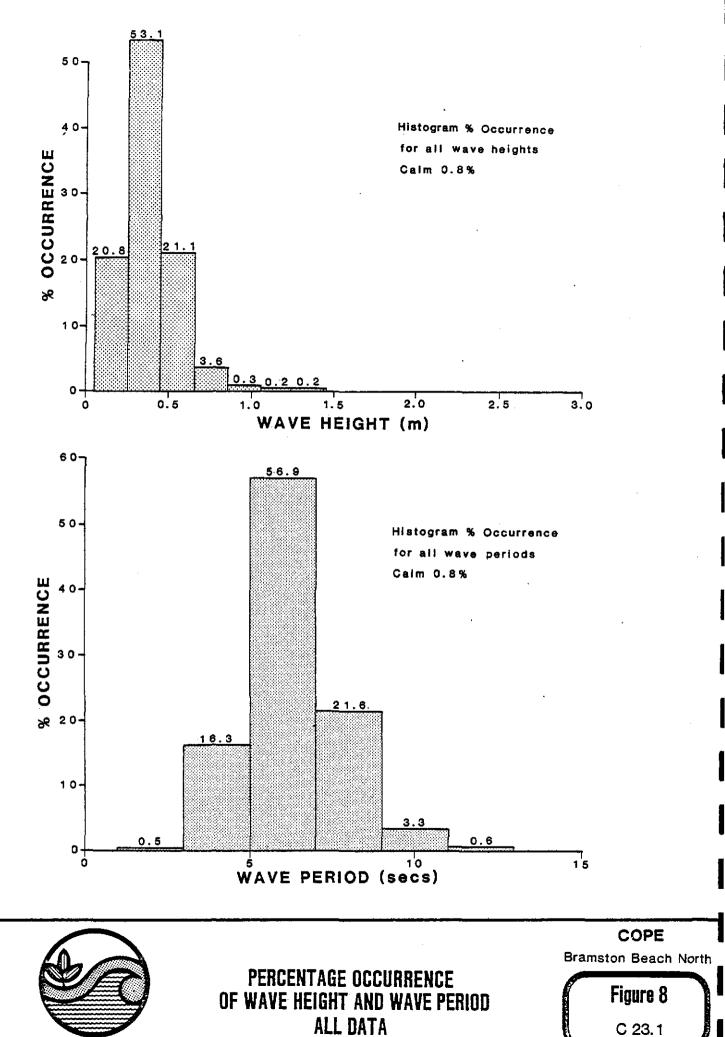




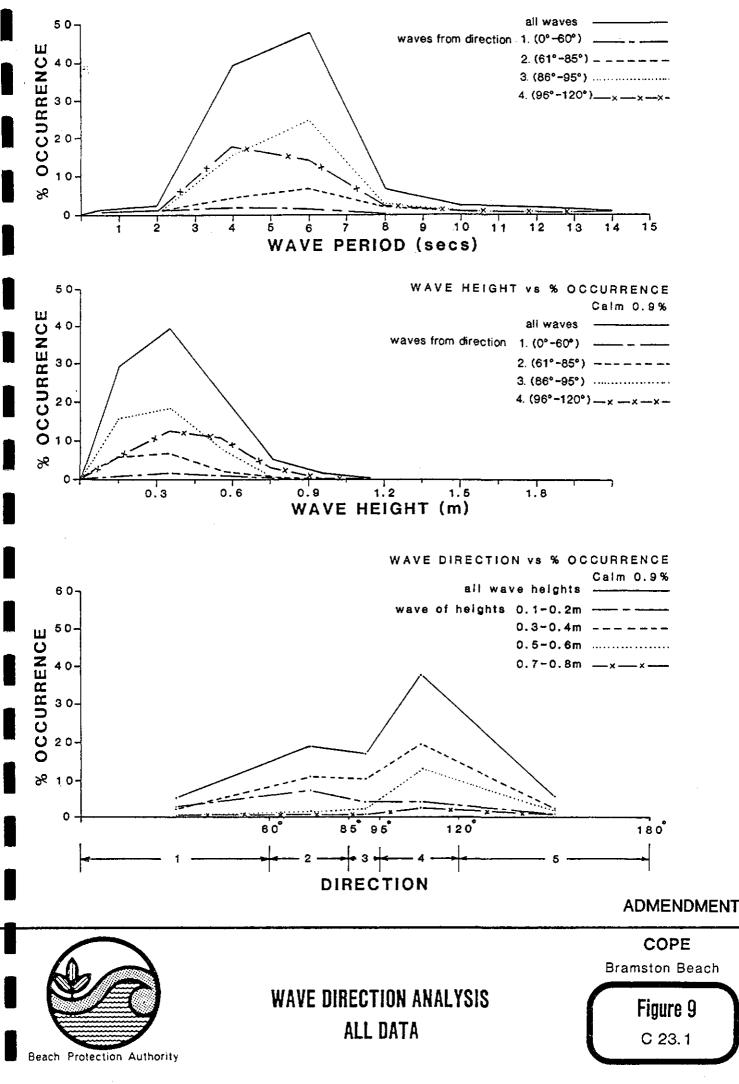
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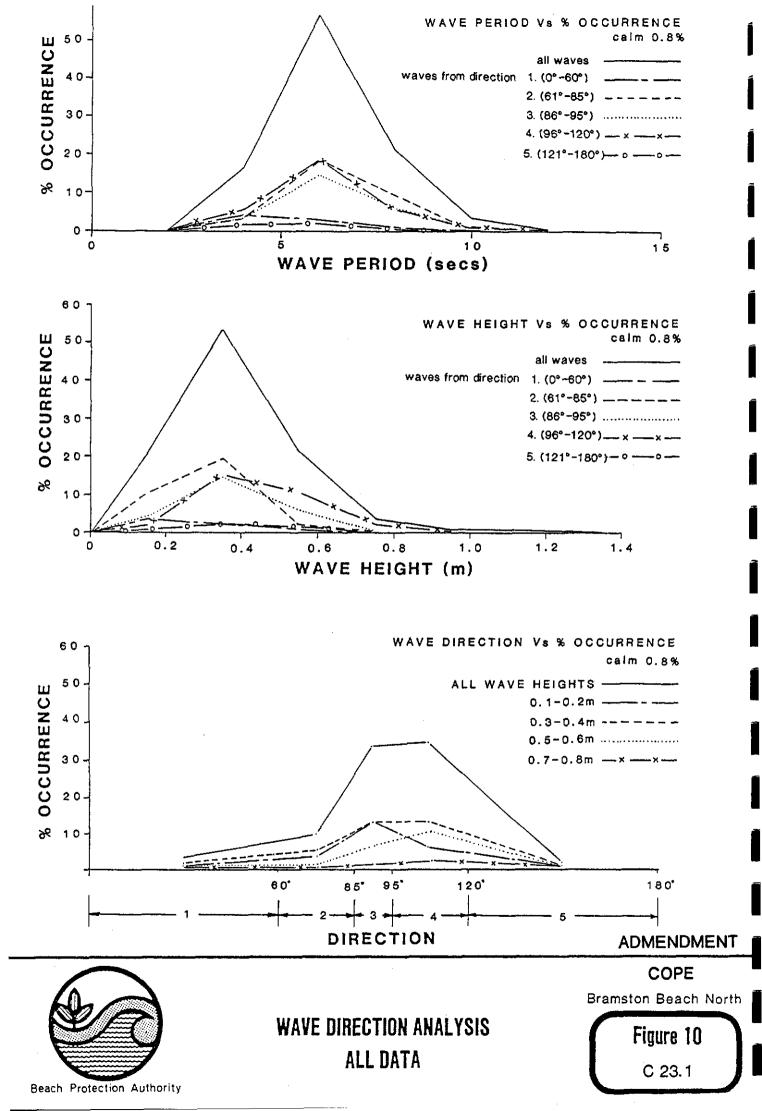
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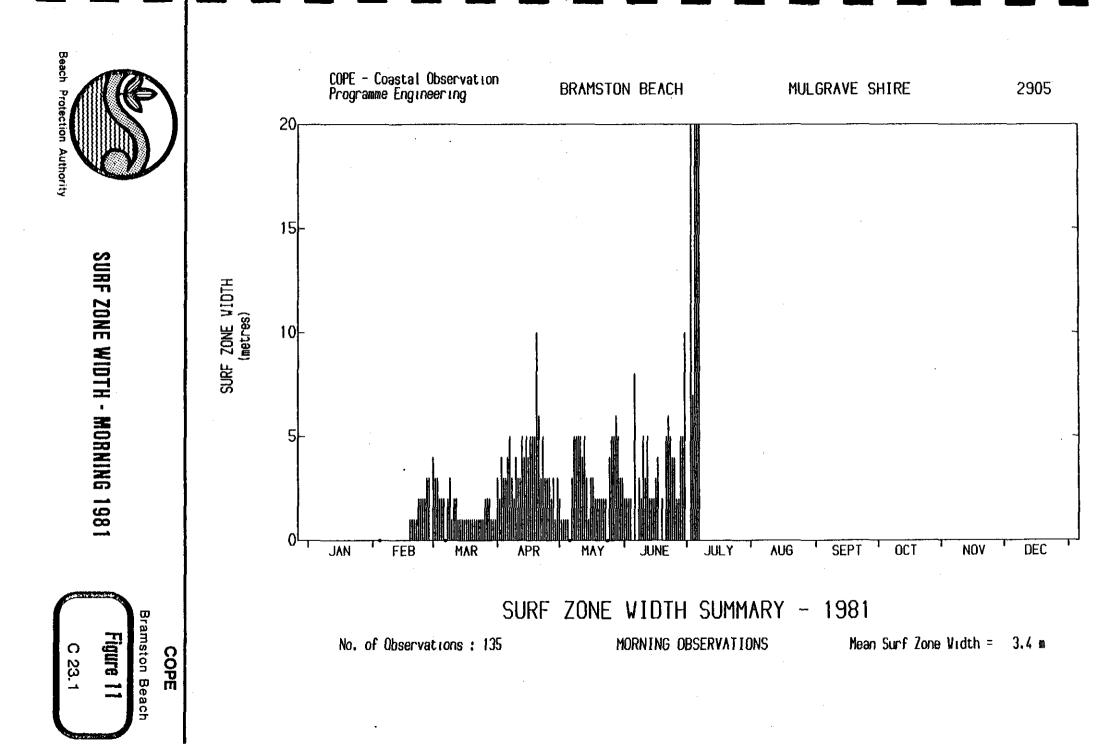


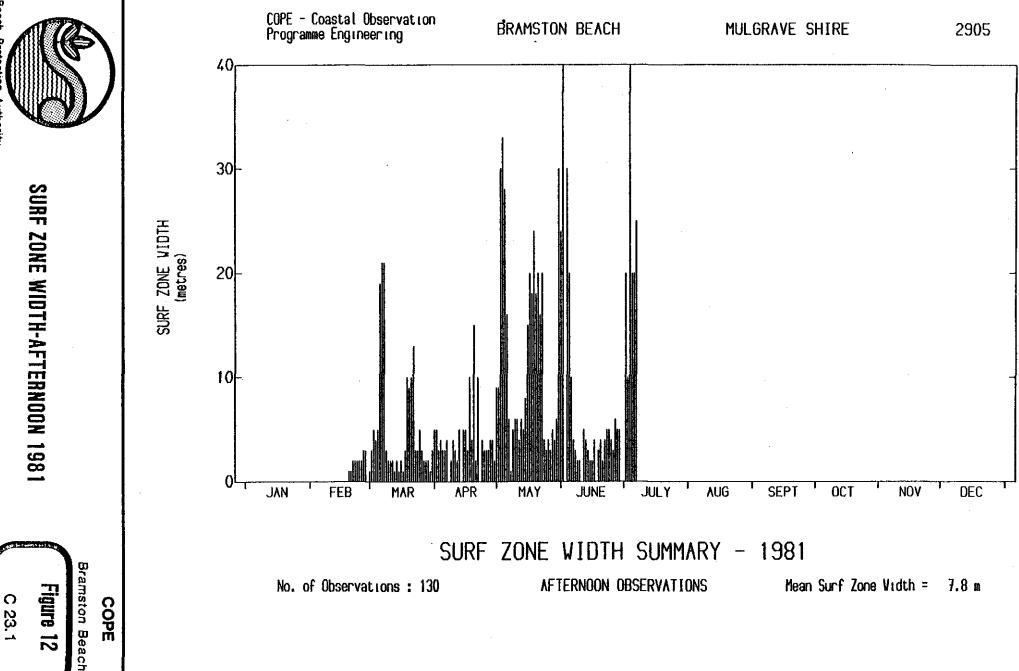


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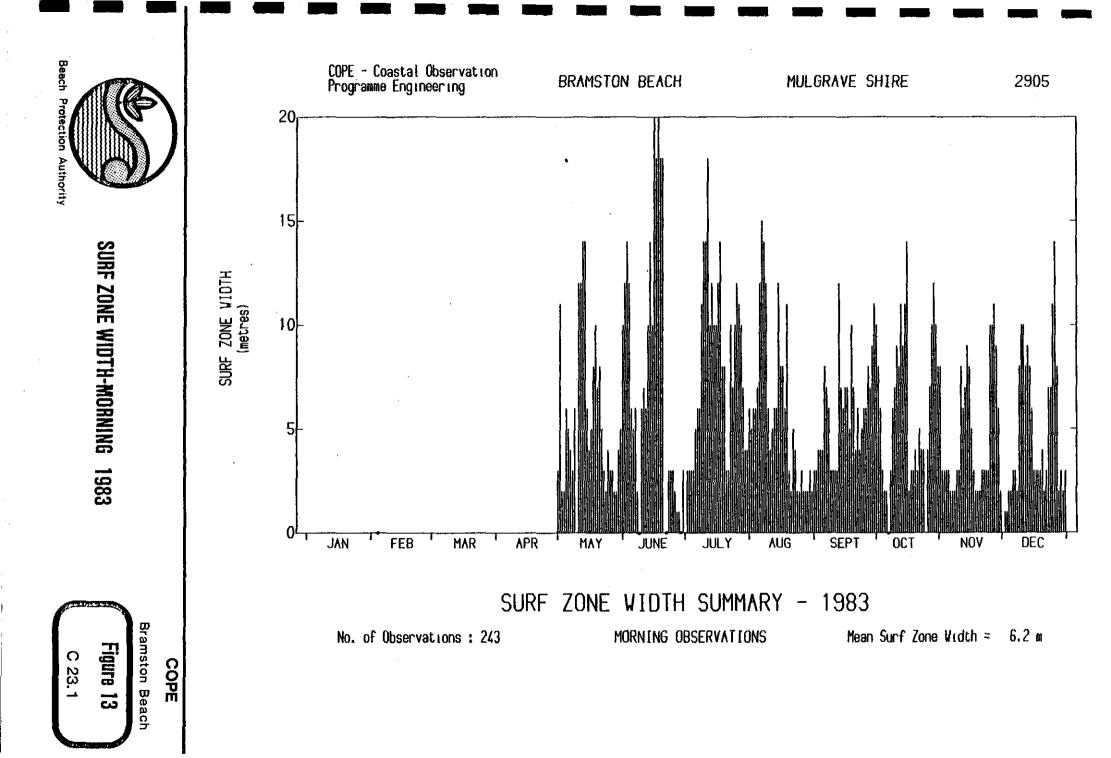


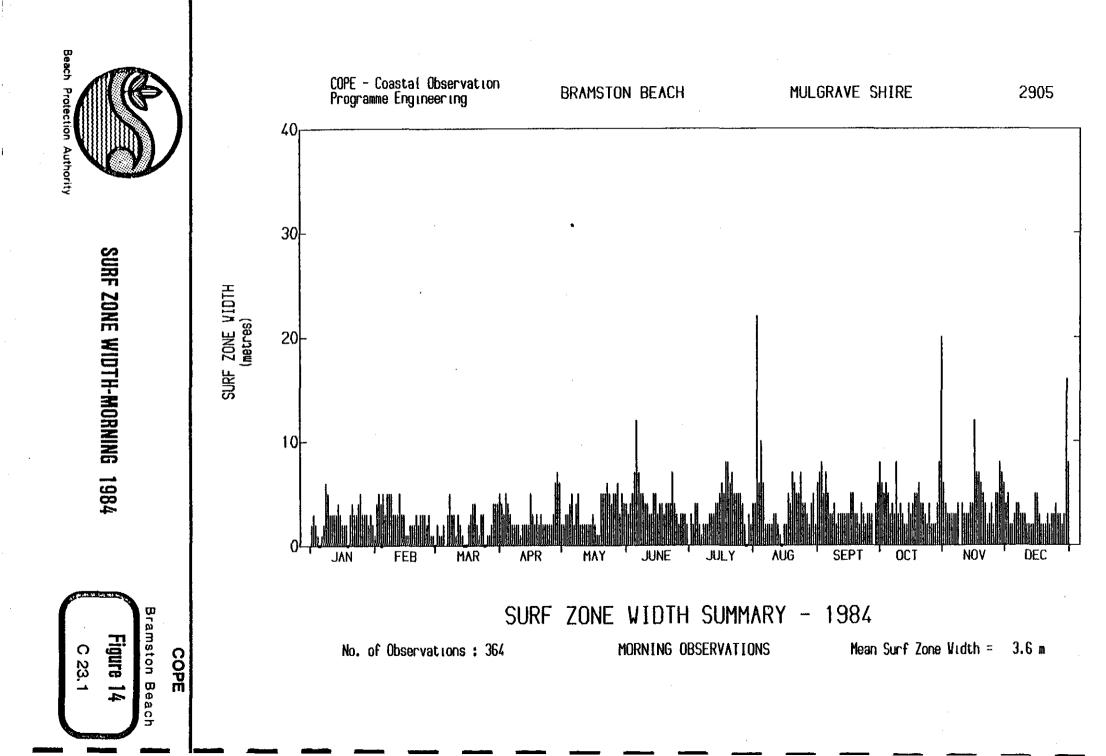


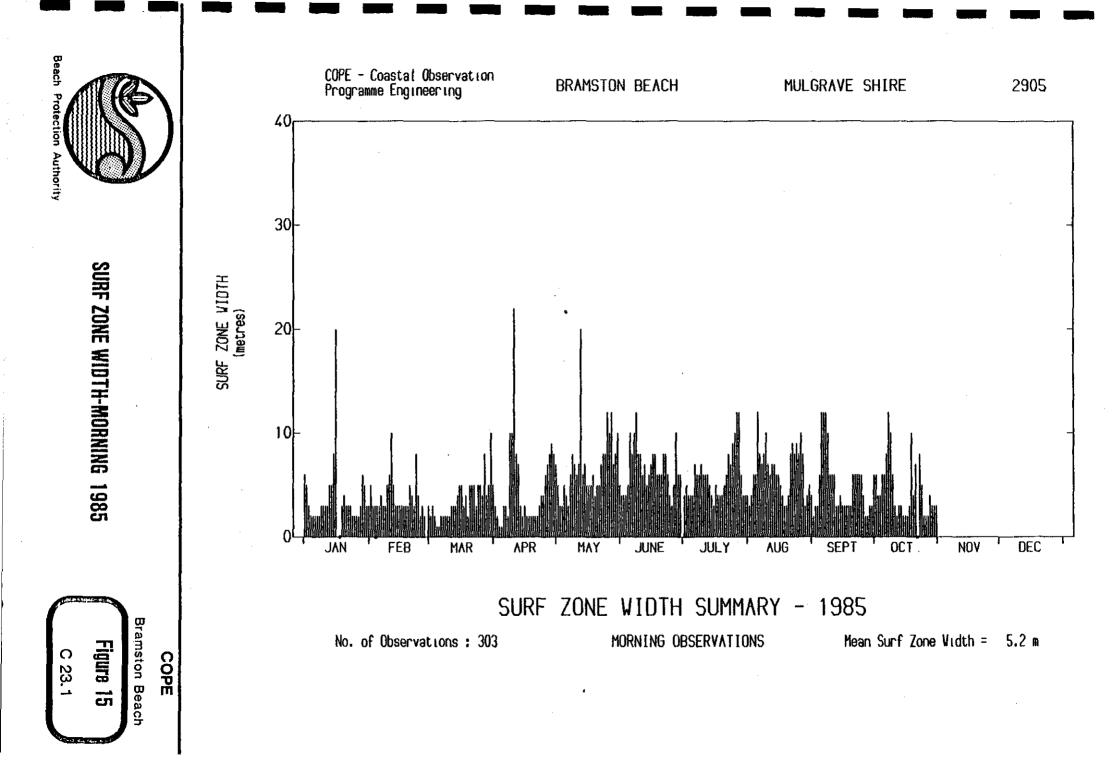


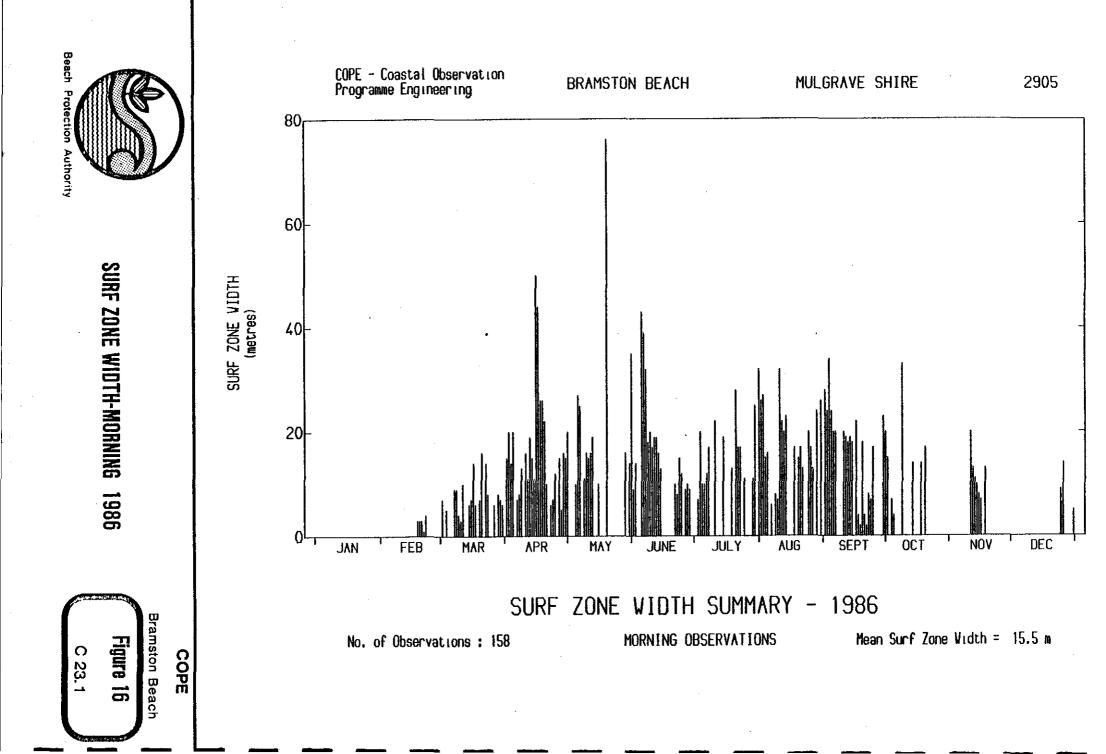


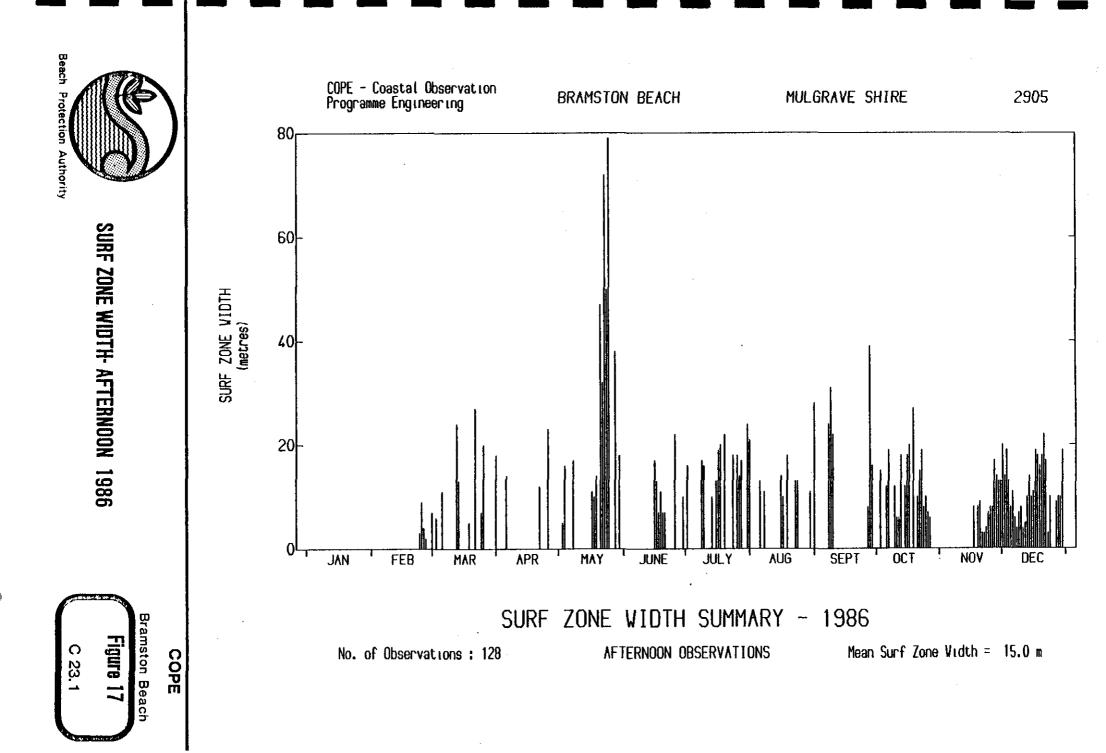
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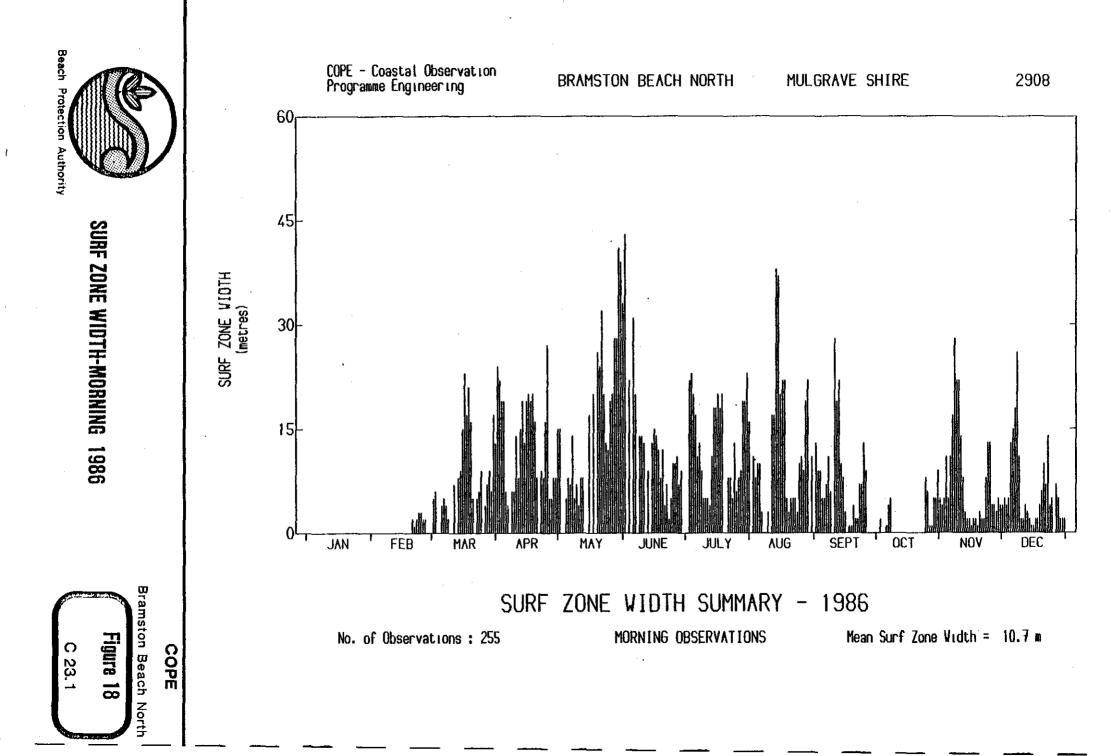


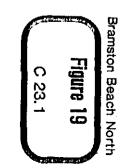








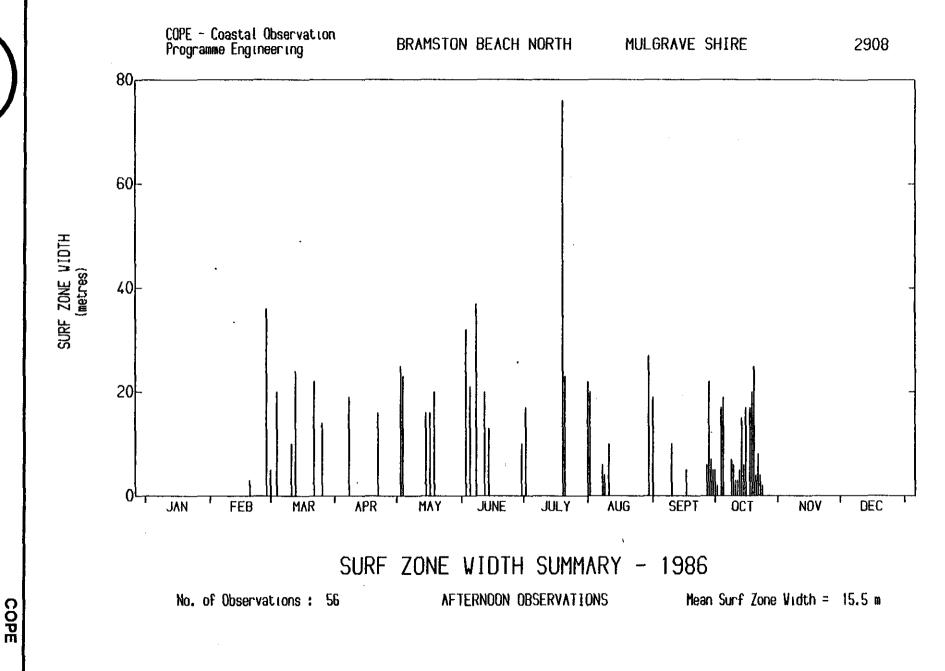


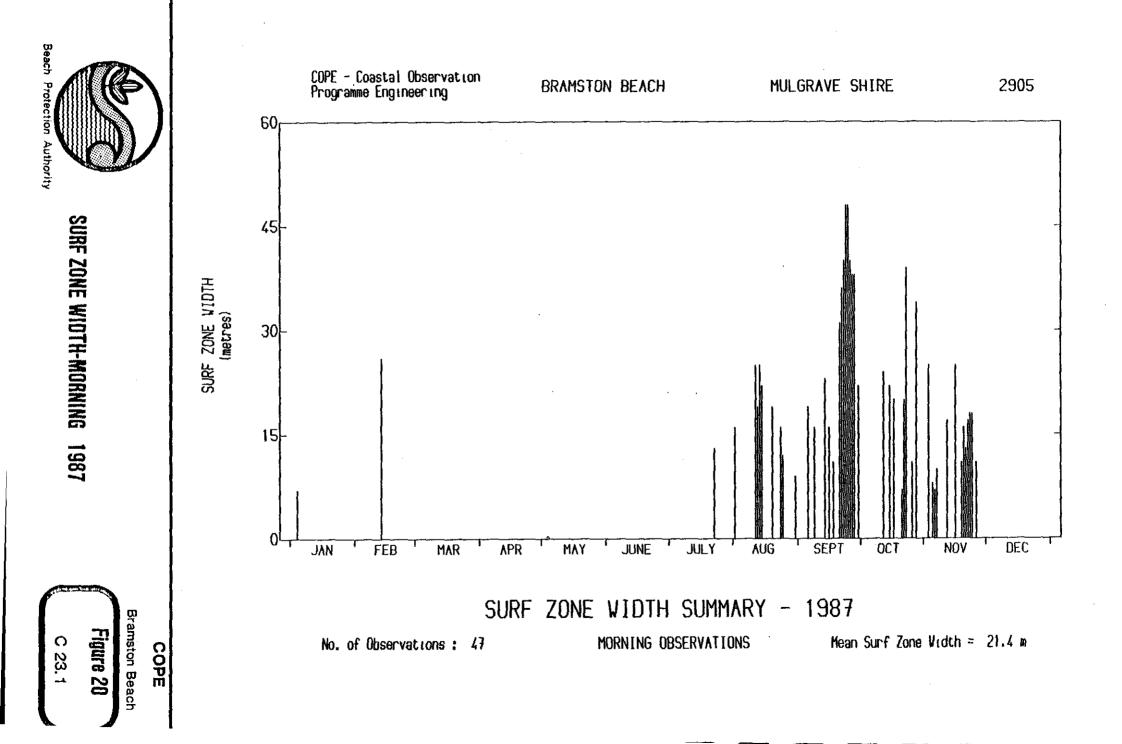


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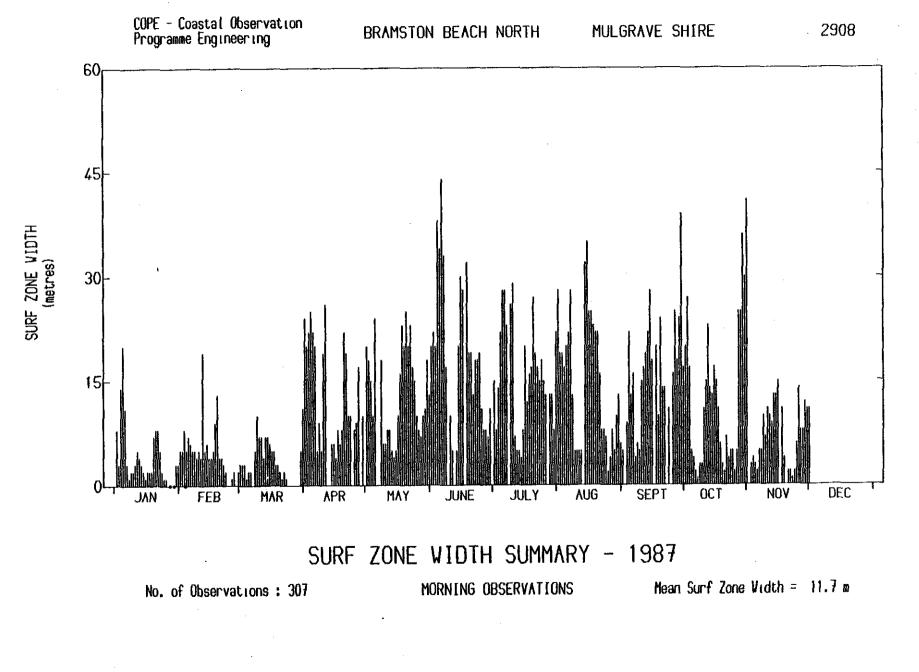
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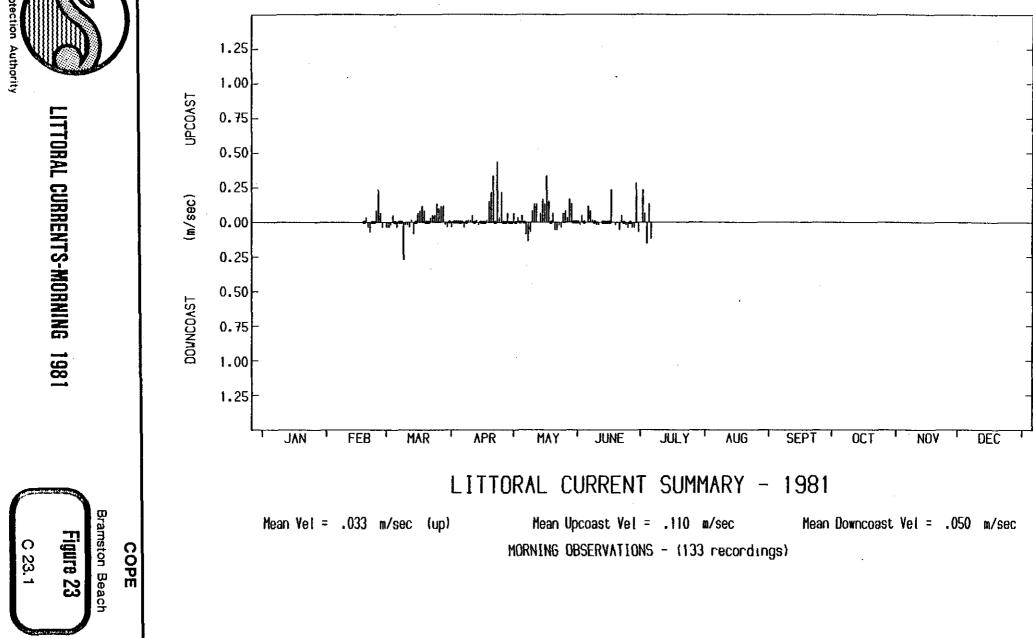


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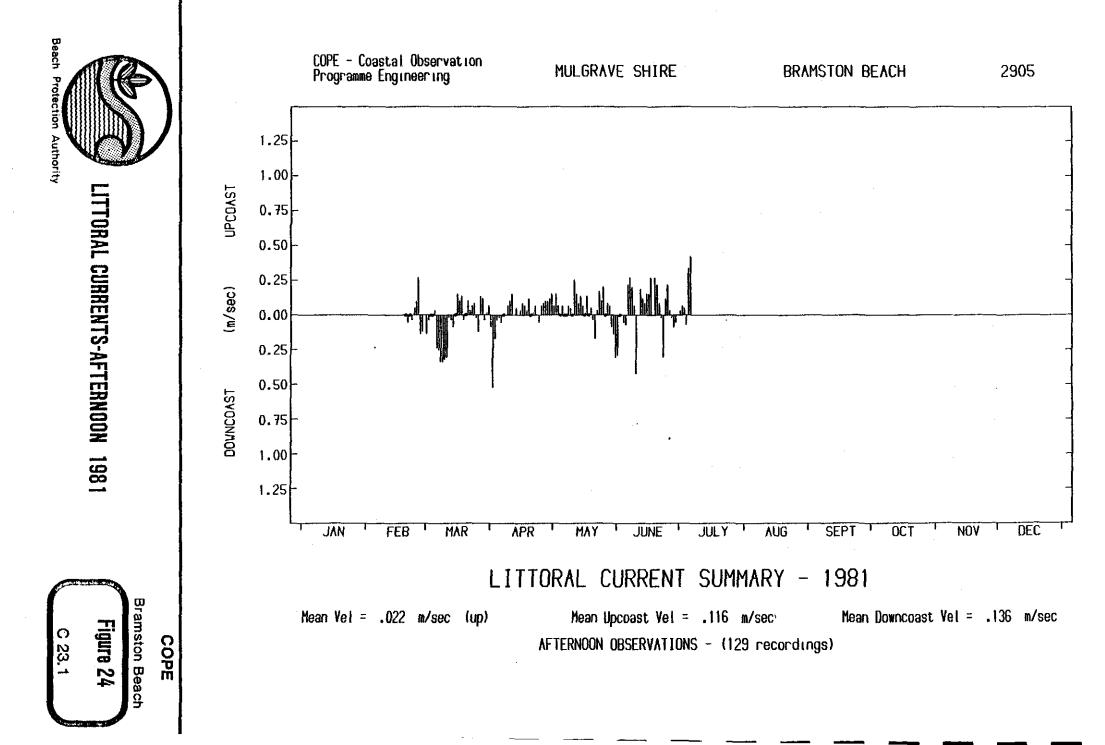
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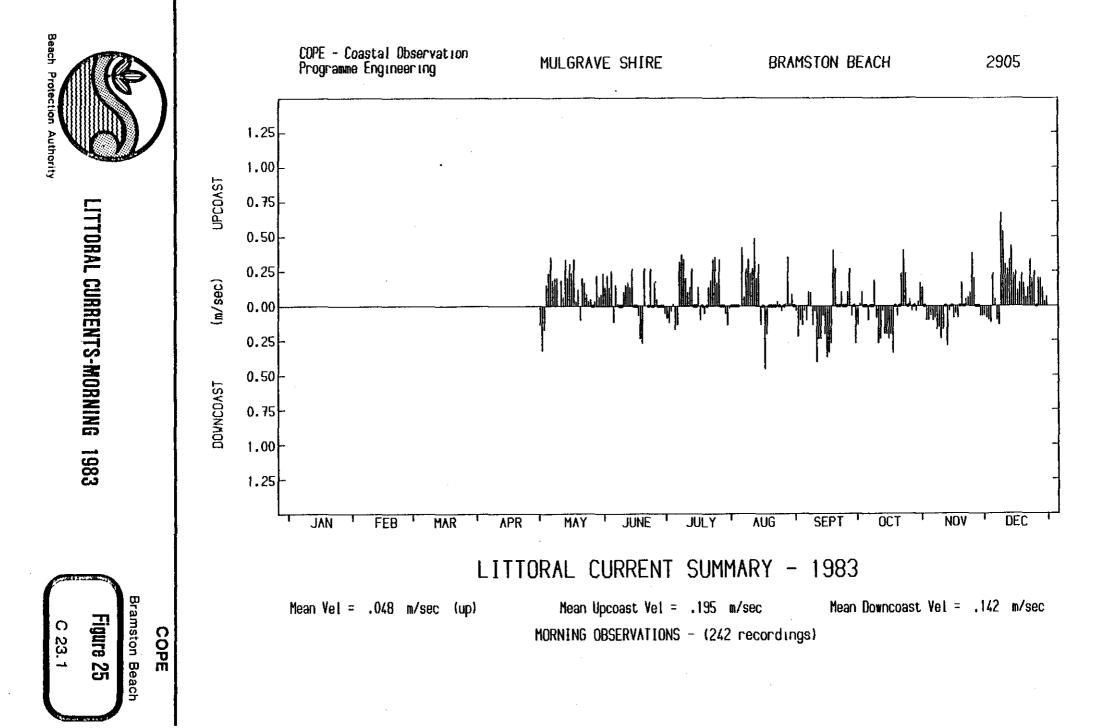
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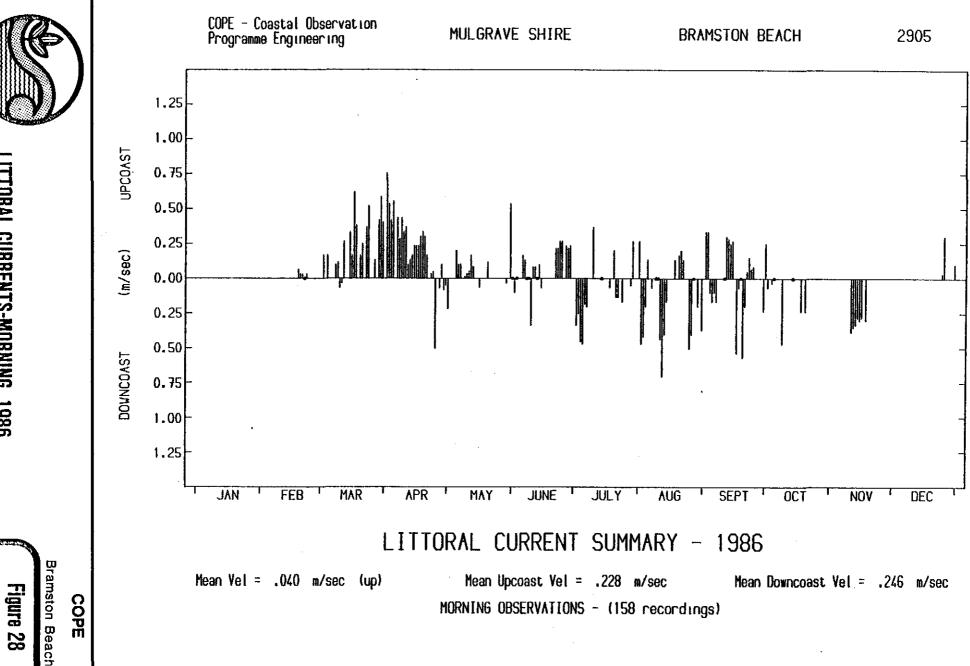




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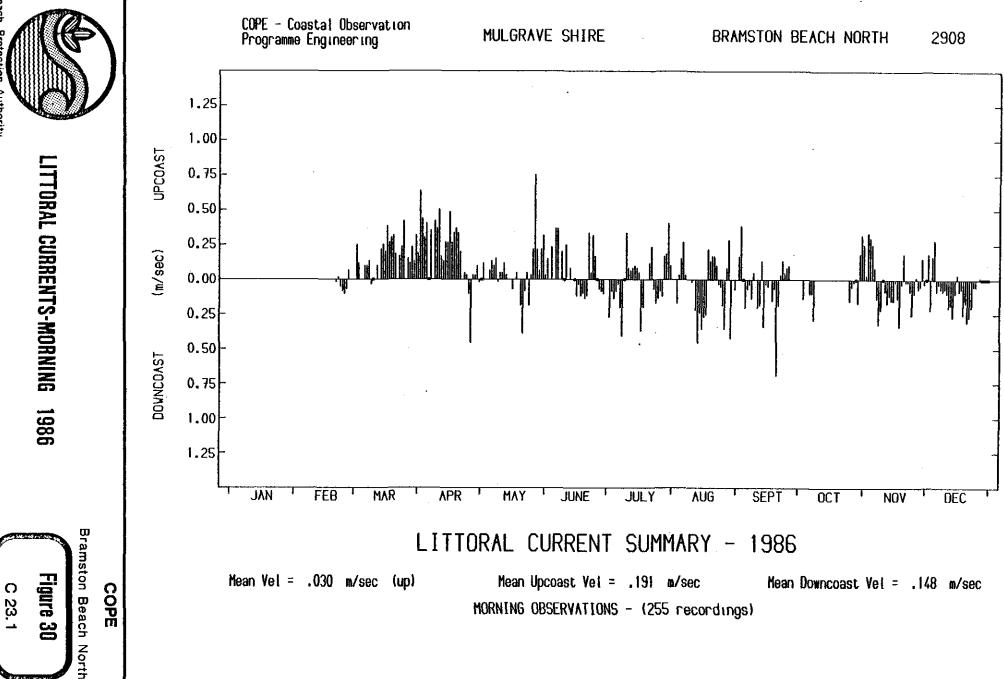


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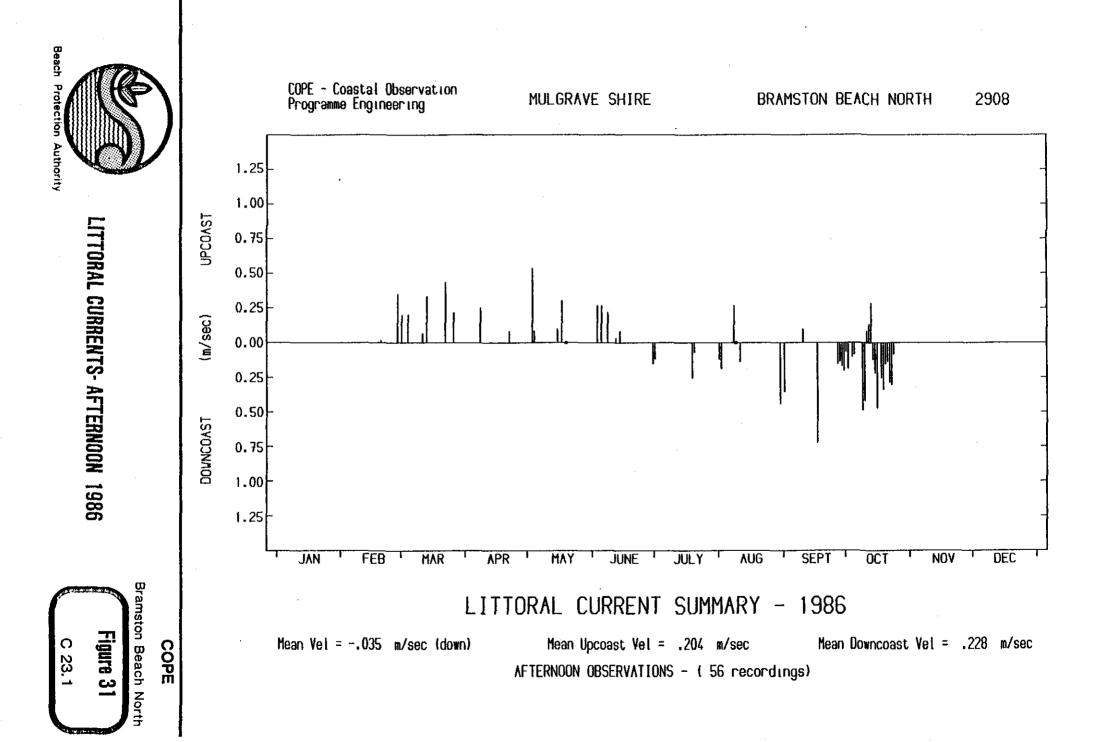
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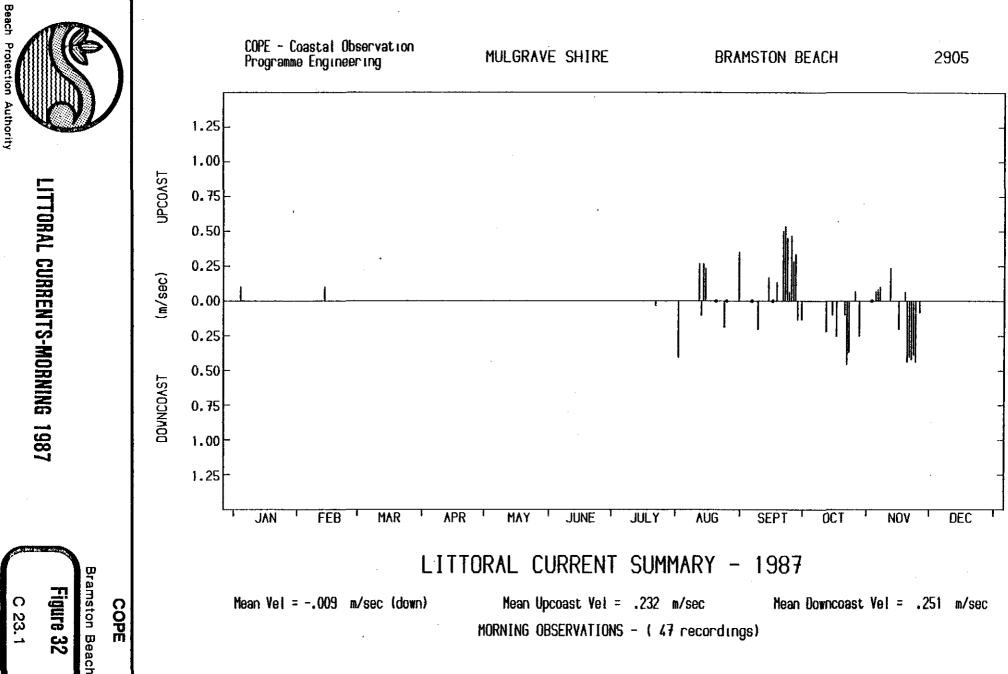
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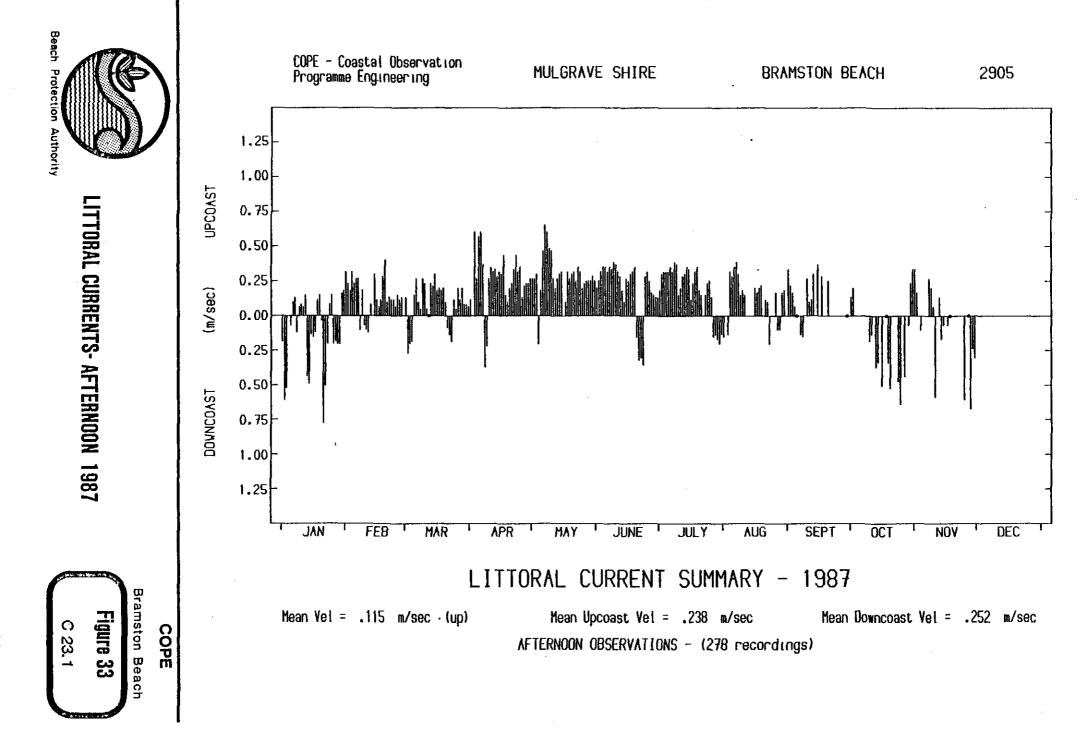


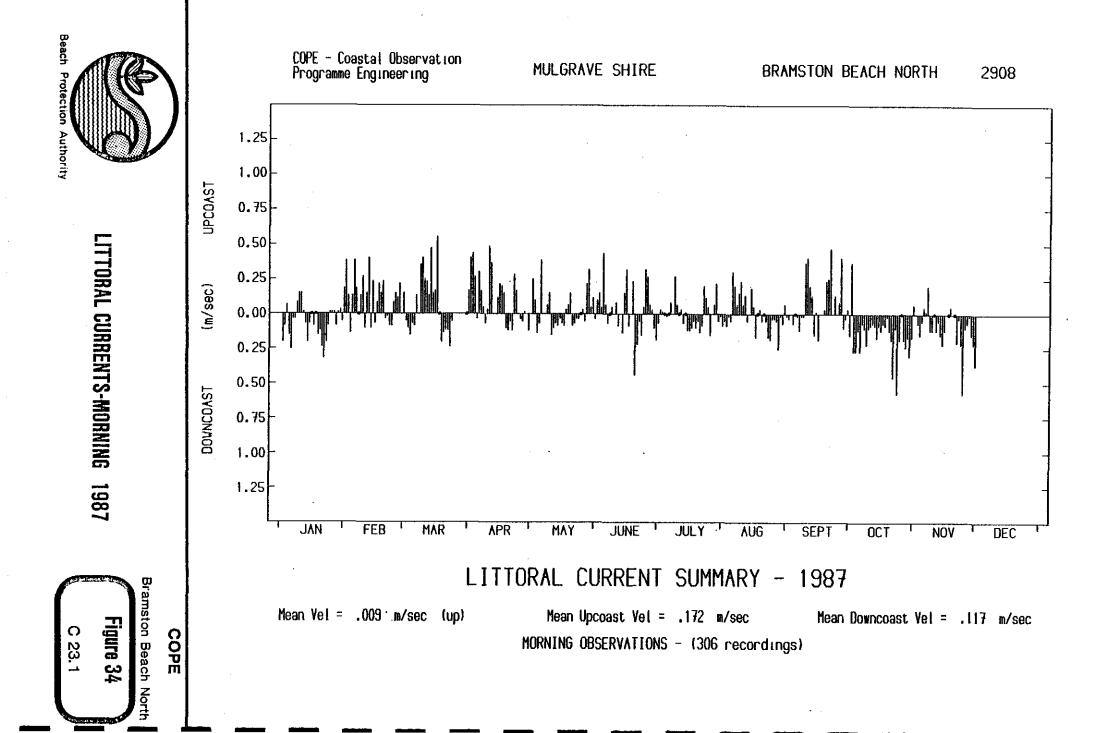
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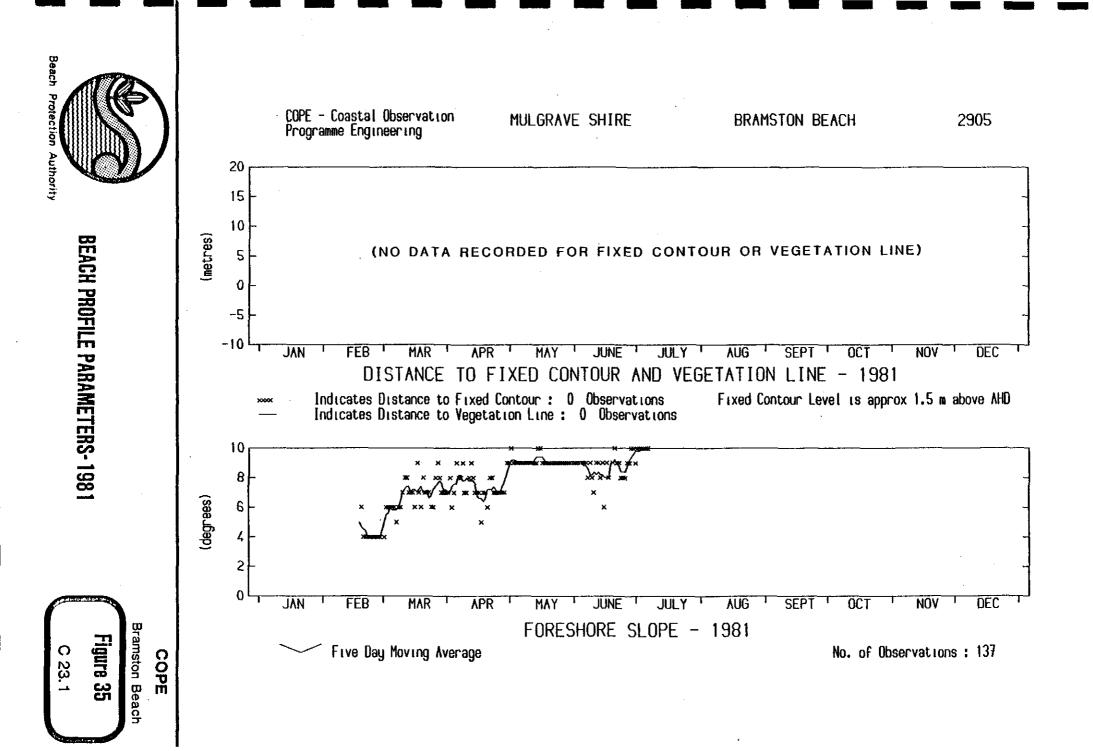


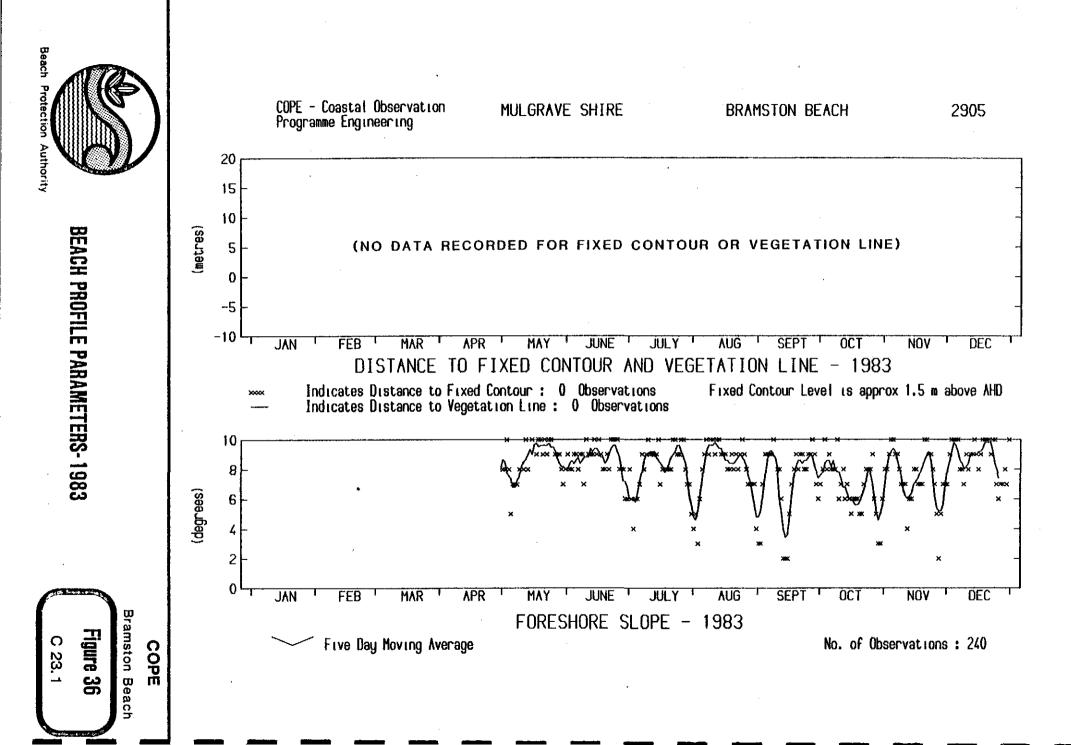


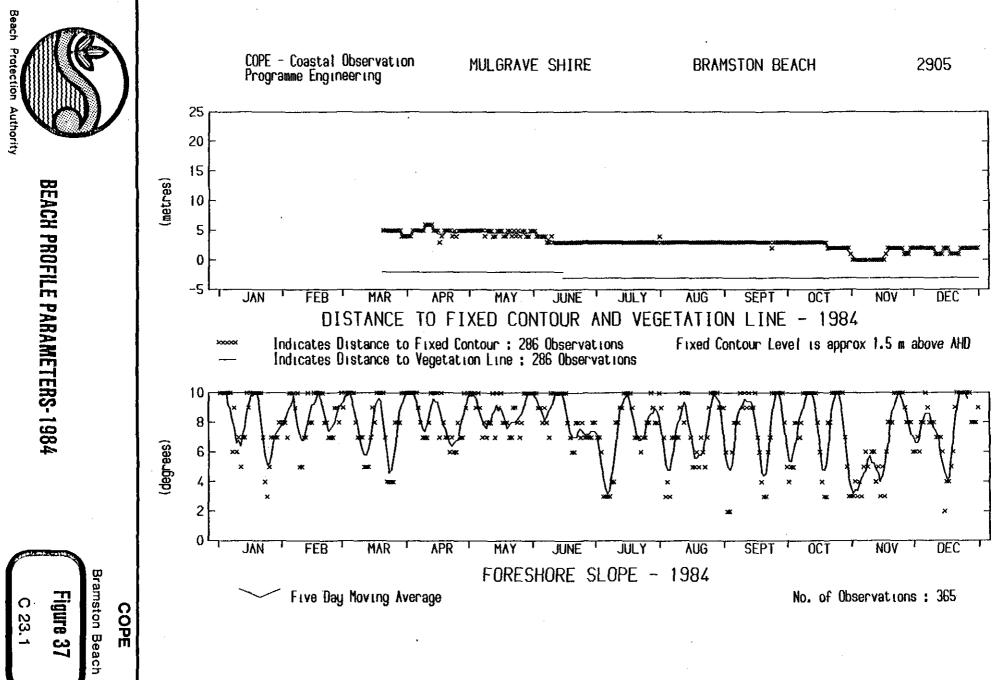
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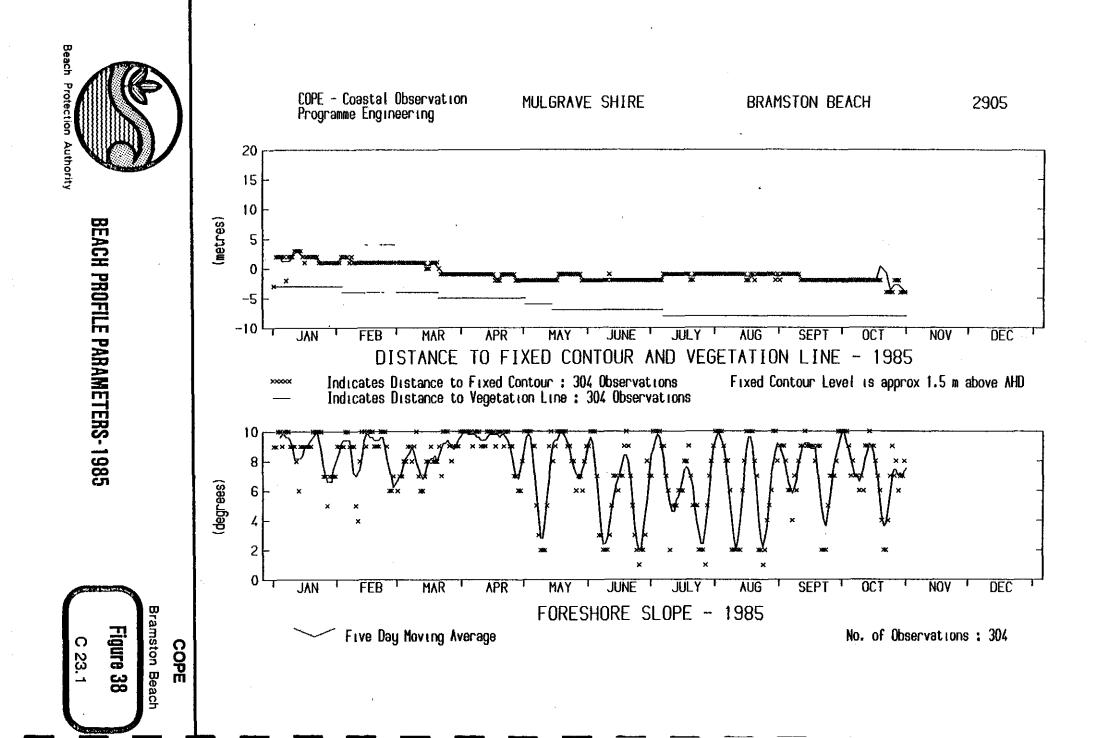


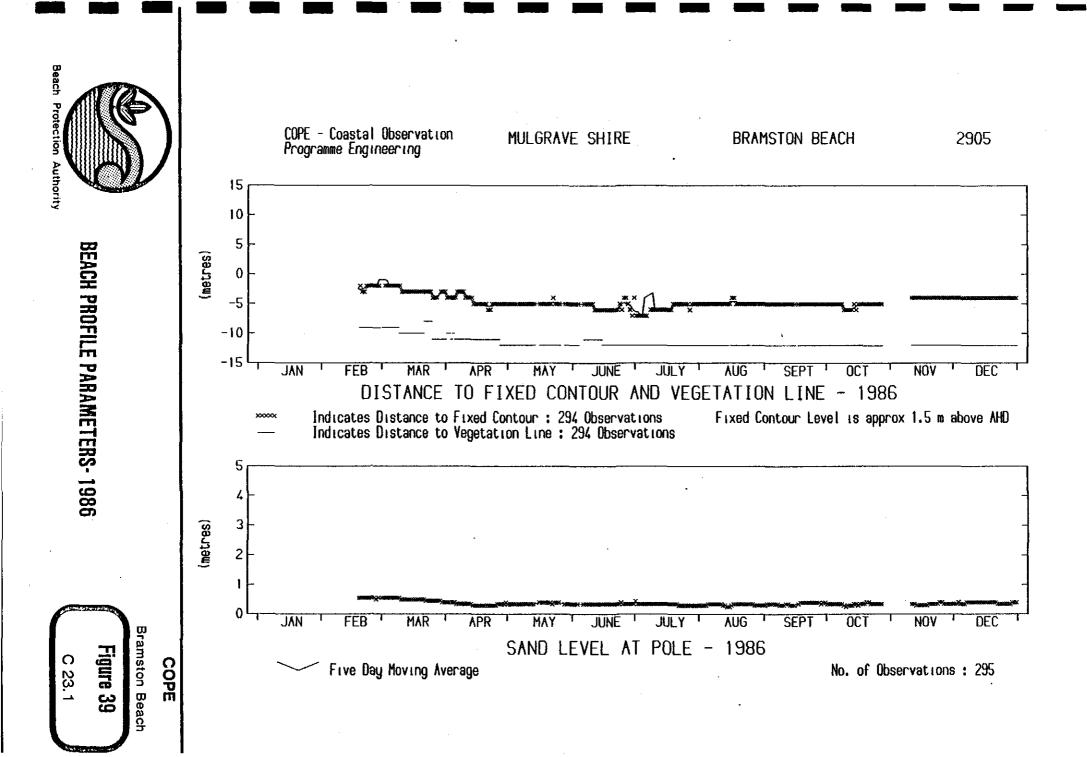


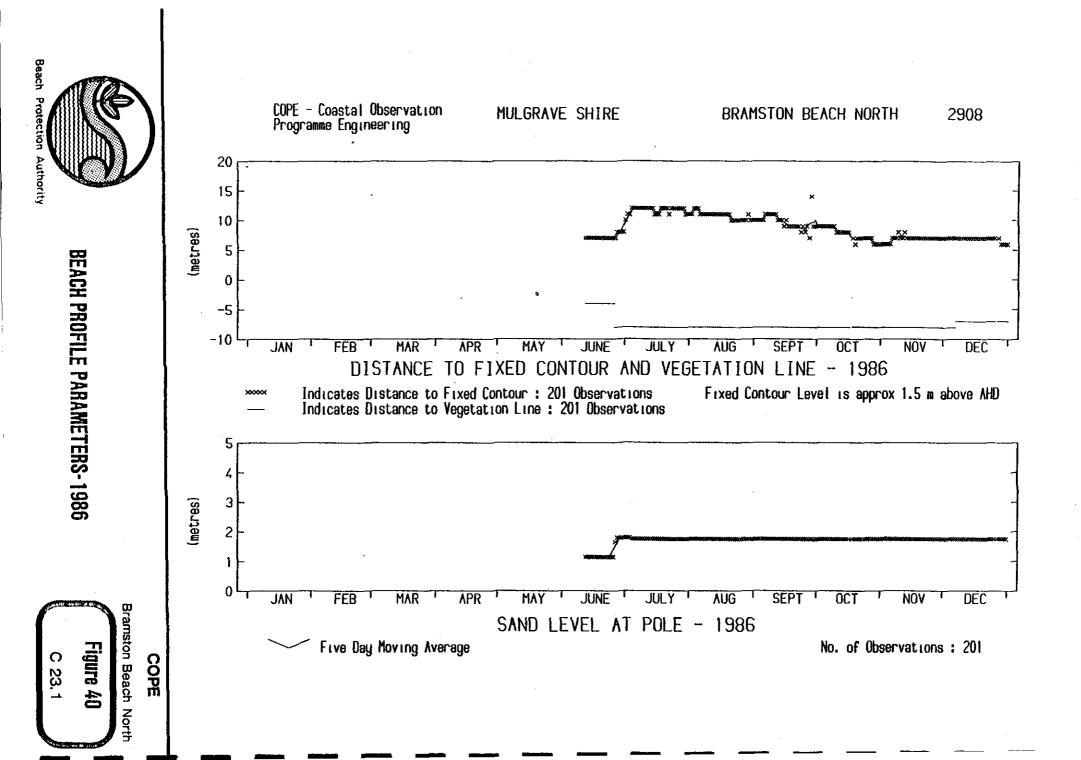


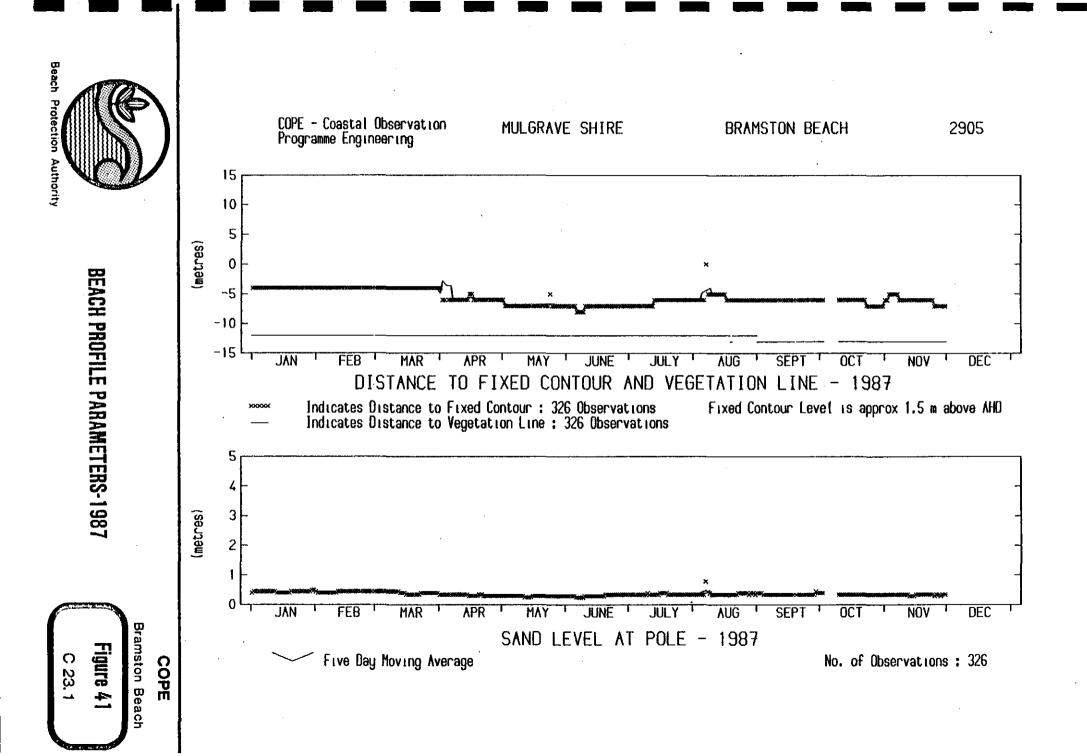


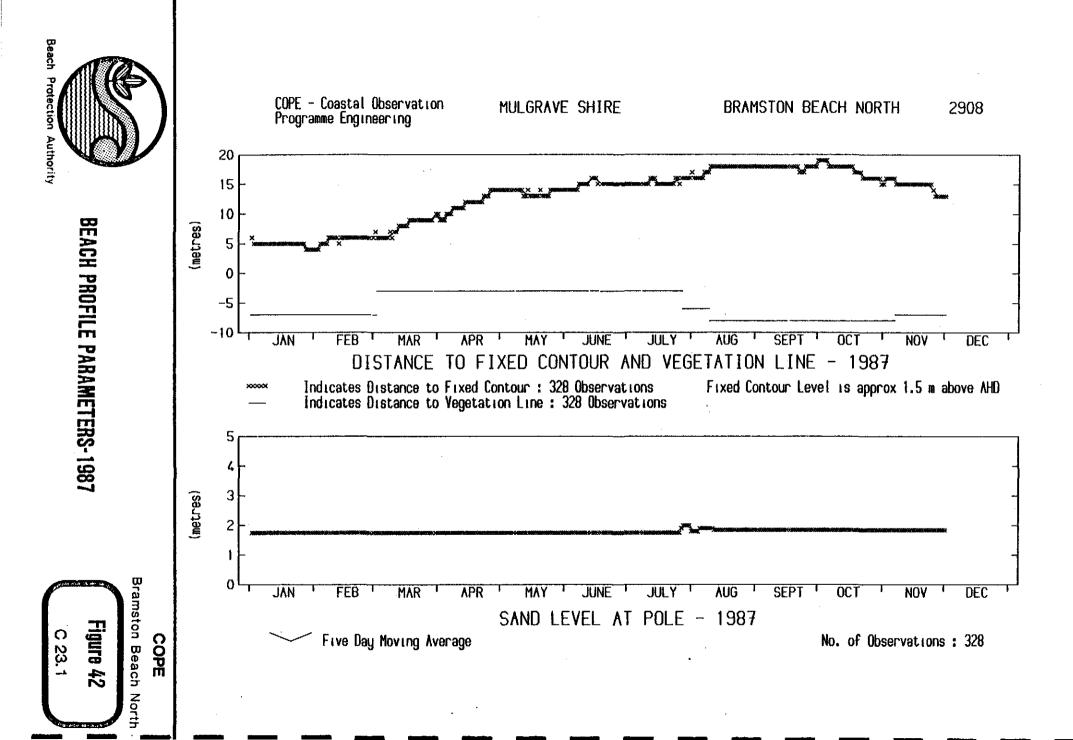


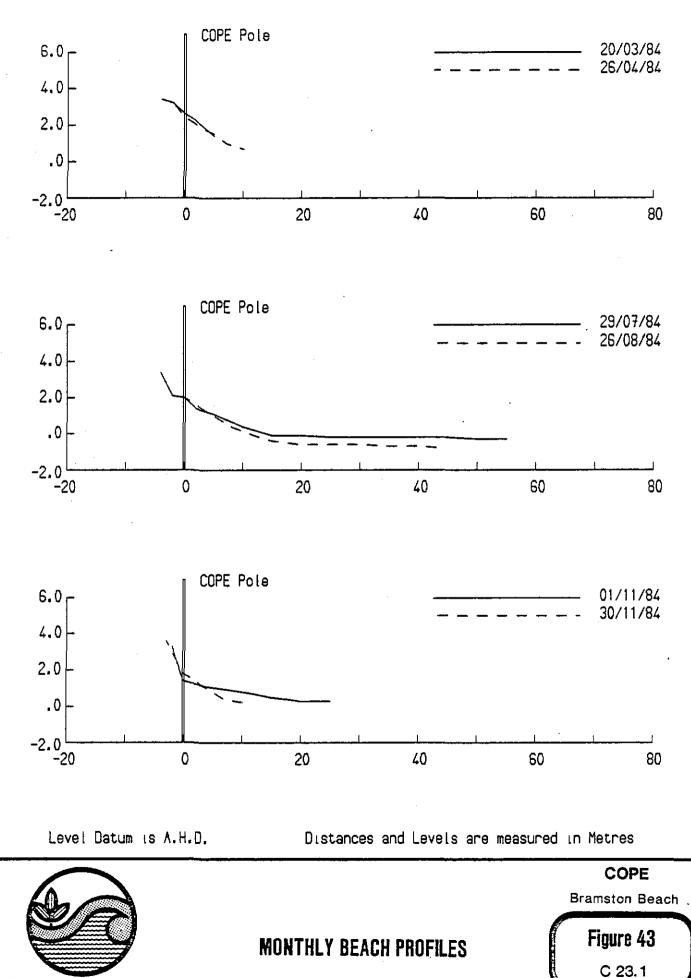




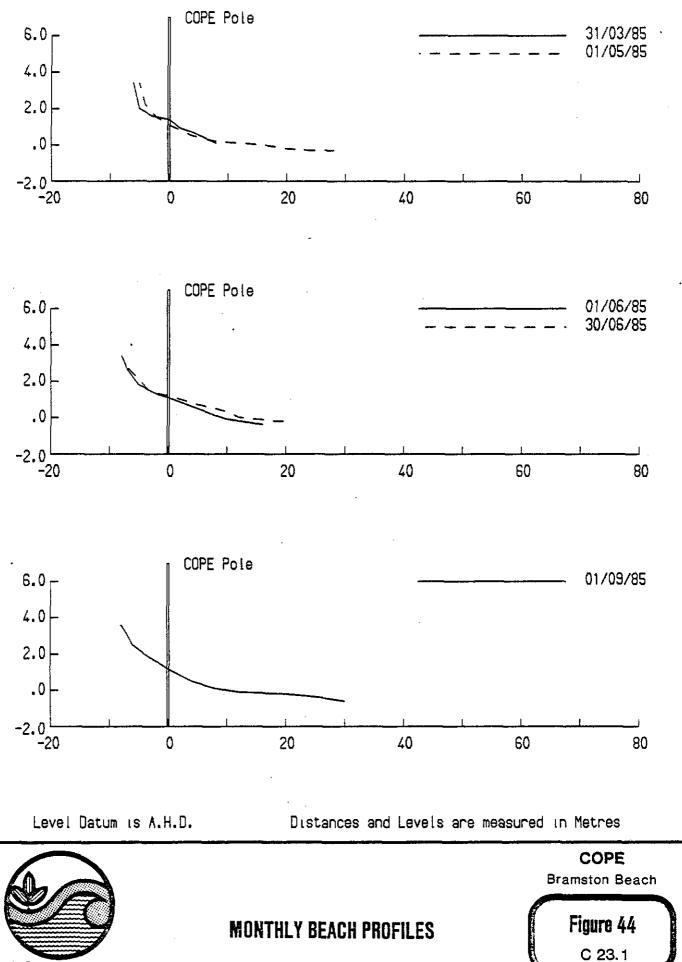




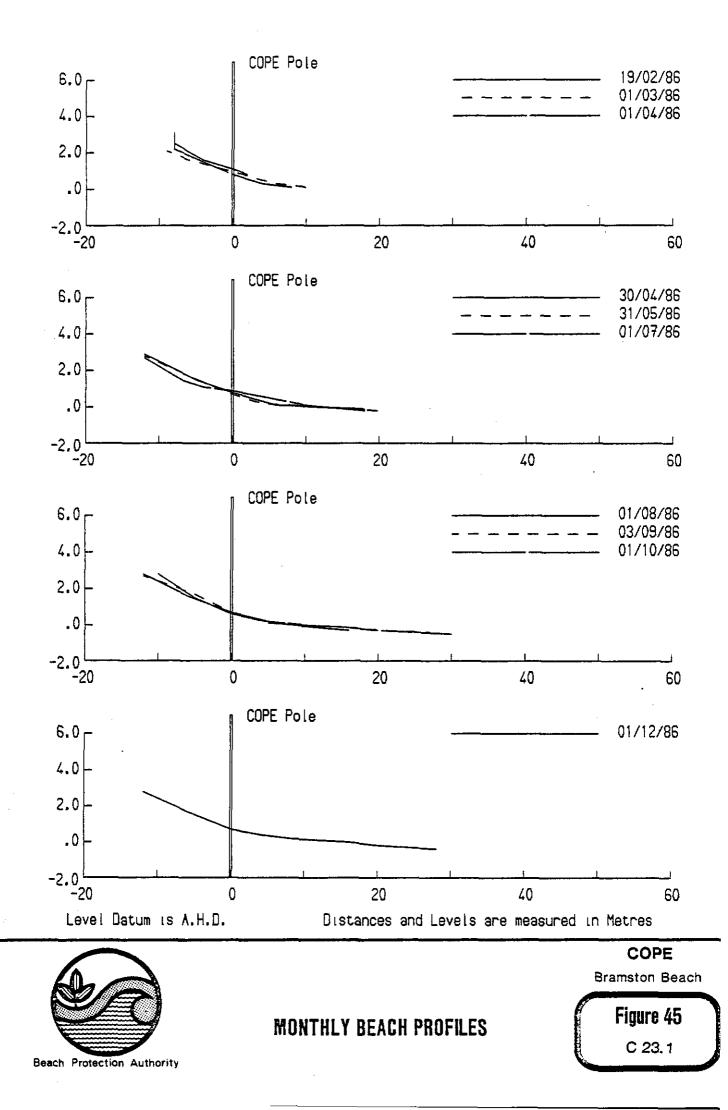


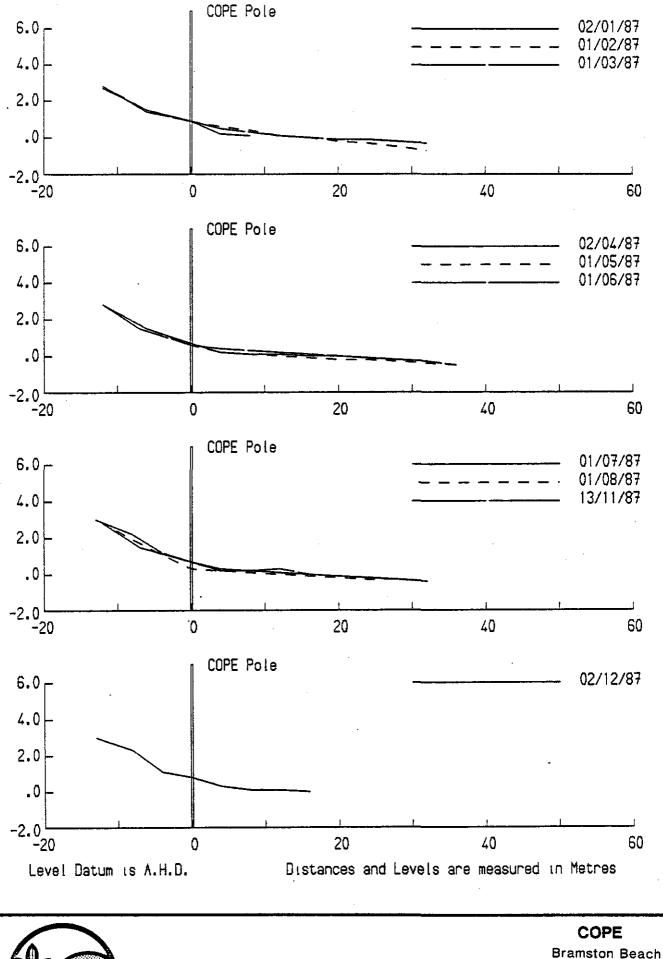


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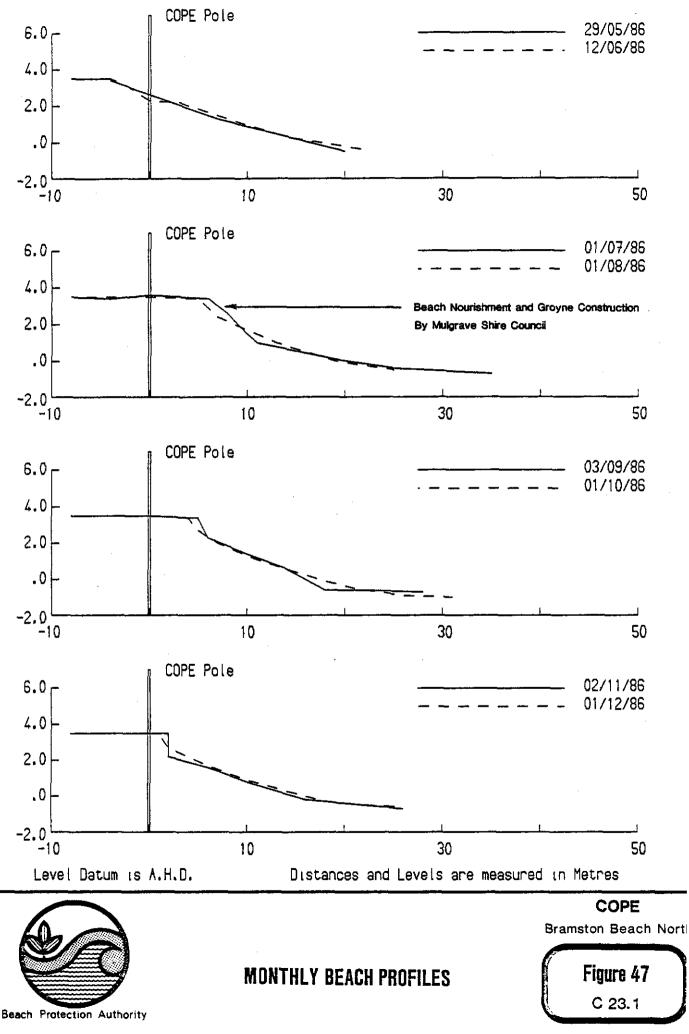
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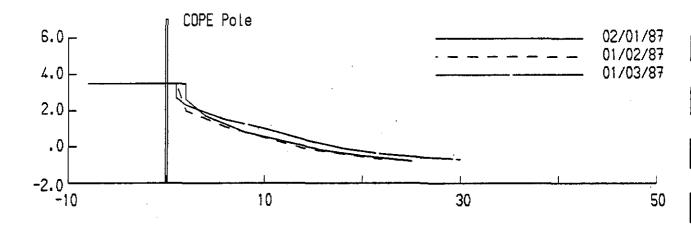
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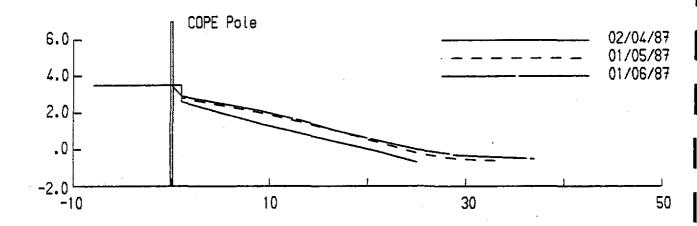
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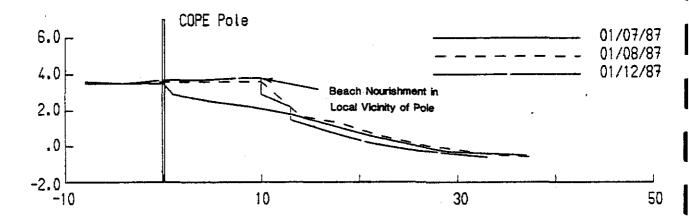


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Distances and Levels are measured in Metres



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