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Teatree then some kind of salt tolerant samphire and sedge stretch to the rumple of sand dunes we once trudged hoping to reach the sea. A mountain range of sand defeated us and trekking back across that desolate stretch was like crossing an airport’s busy runway or a great sea eagle would suddenly stoop to whisk us away we were so tiny. Today the surf’s roar beyond the dunes is constant as Frankfurt airport yet there’s not a soul in sight nor a bird in flight.

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