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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer & T.Smale
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Vulnerable D1+2
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	A highly localized taxon known from a single, small subpopulation of about 500 mature individuals. It is potentially threatened by illegal collection for the succulent trade.

Distribution

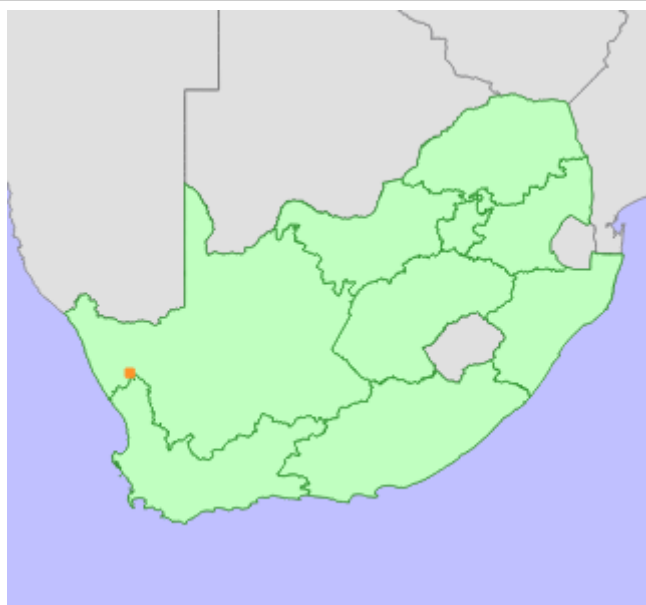
Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	Western edge of Bushmanland.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Platbakkies Succulent Shrubland
Description	Shallow sandy grit pans.

Threats

This recently described taxon is still



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rare in cultivation, and is somewhat difficult to grow (Hammer 2002). The type locality is easily accessible, and therefore illegal collection of wild plants is a significant potential threat. The wild population is very small and any collecting would immediately increase its risk of extinction.

Population

A highly localized taxon with a very small population, estimated to be about 500 mature individuals. The population is not declining at present.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	VU D1+2	2017.1
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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