

Plants

[Red List statistics methodology](#)

[Summary of recent changes](#)
[Glossary](#) [Guidelines for EIAs](#)

[National Red List categories](#)

[Assessment](#)

Browse

- [Genera: A](#)
- [Genera: B](#)
- [Genera: C](#)
- [Genera: D](#)
- [Genera: E](#)
- [Genera: F](#)
- [Genera: G](#)
- [Genera: H](#)
- [Genera: I](#)
- [Genera: J](#)
- [Genera: K](#)
- [Genera: L](#)
- [Genera: M](#)
- [Genera: N](#)
- [Genera: O](#)
- [Genera: P](#)
- [Genera: Q](#)
- [Genera: R](#)
- [Genera: S](#)
- [Genera: T](#)
- [Genera: U](#)
- [Genera: V](#)
- [Genera: W](#)
- [Genera: X](#)
- [Genera: Y](#)
- [Genera: Z](#)

[Home](#) >> [Genera: C](#) >> [Genus: Conophytum](#)

Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum praesectum N.E.Br.
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Synonyms	Ophthalmophyllum praesectum (N.E.Br.) Schwantes

National Status

Status and Criteria	Least Concern
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	A species endemic to the Bushmanland region of South Africa with an extent of occurrence (EOO) of 5570 km ² , it is widespread and common within its range and has no significant threats. It therefore qualifies as Least Concern.

Distribution

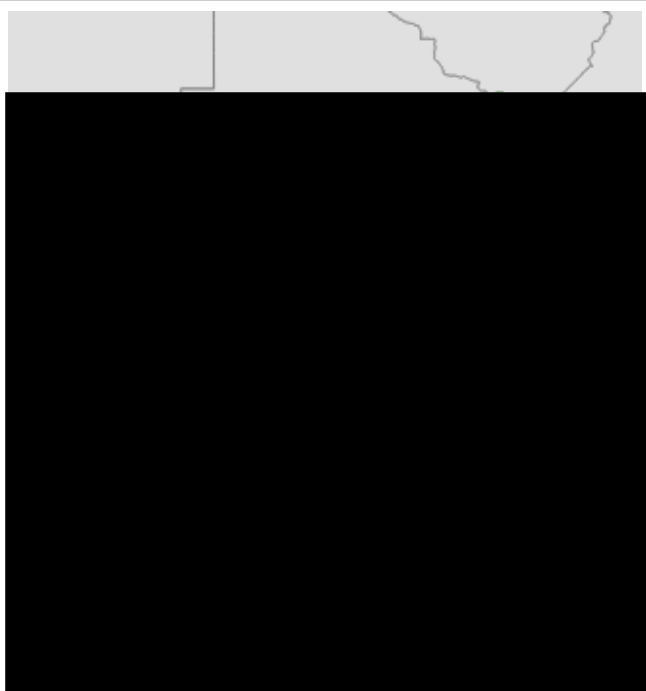
Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	information redacted, contact SANBI

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Aggeney's Gravel Vygieveld, Bushmanland Inselberg Shrubland, Eastern Gariep Rocky Desert, Namaqualand Klipkoppe Shrubland
Description	Low granite ridges and in rubble on flats.

Threats

There are no severe threats to this



© A.J. Young

Search for images of *Conophytum praesectum* on [iNaturalist](#)

species. Some parts of its habitat is within mining areas, and there is ongoing prospecting and mining expansion at some sites. At present however only a very small proportion of the population is affected.

Population

This species is widespread and known from many subpopulations. It is difficult to estimate the population size due to a lack of recent field data, but the population is likely to be in excess of 10 000 individuals, and not suspected to be declining.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum praesectum N.E.Br.	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Conophytum praesectum N.E.Br.	Lower Risk - Least Concern	Victor (2002)
Conophytum praesectum N.E.Br.	Insufficiently Known	Hilton-Taylor (1996)

Bibliography

Hammer, S. 2002. Dumpling and his wife: New view of the genus Conophytum. EAE Creative Colour, Norwich.

Hammer, S.A. 1993. The genus Conophytum: A conograph. Succulent Plant Publications, Pretoria.

Hilton-Taylor, C. 1996. Red data list of southern African plants. Strelitzia 4. South African National Botanical Institute, Pretoria.

Raimondo, D., von Staden, L., Foden, W., Victor, J.E., Helme, N.A., Turner, R.C., Kamundi, D.A. and Manyama, P.A. 2009. Red List of South African Plants. Strelitzia 25. South African National Biodiversity Institute, Pretoria.

Victor, J.E. 2002. South Africa. In: J.S. Golding (ed), Southern African plant Red Data Lists. Southern African Botanical Diversity Network Report 14 (pp. 93-120), SABONET, Pretoria.

Citation

Young, A.J. 2015. Conophytum praesectum N.E.Br. National Assessment: Red List of South African

Plants version 2020.1. Accessed on
2022/02/11

 [Comment on this assessment](#)

(c) South African National Biodiversity Institute ([SANBI](#)) 2010-12.