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Winterberg Cycad

Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Encephalartos cycadifolius (Jacq.) Lehm.
Higher Classification	Gymnosperms
Family	ZAMIACEAE
Common Names	Bread Palm (e), Kafferbrood (a), Kafferbroodboom (a), Winterberg Cycad (e)

National Status

Status and Criteria	Least Concern
Assessment Date	2009/10/31
Assessor(s)	J.S. Donaldson
Justification	This is a very abundant species. Even though it occurs in a relatively restricted area, the density of plants is very high and it is not particularly popular with collectors.

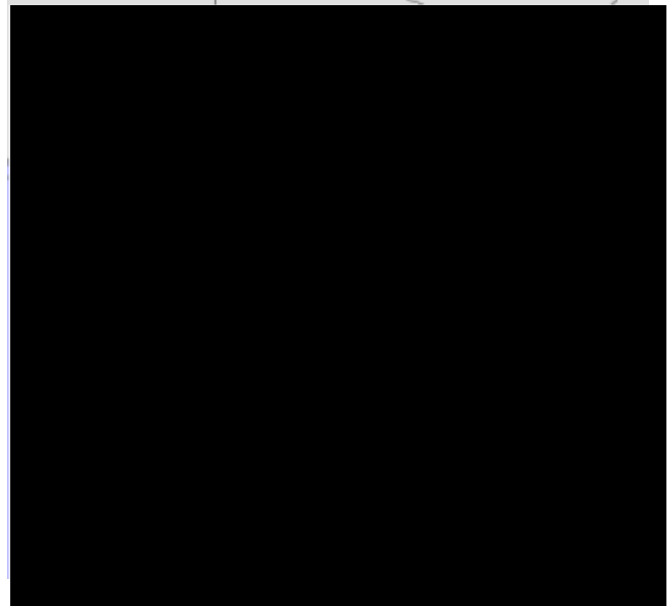
Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Eastern Cape
Range	Bedford district.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Grassland
Description	Semi-dry grassland areas in shallow shale soils on the northern and eastern slopes of the mountains. Plants are adapted to fire.

Threats



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Baboons and porcupines can sometimes damage cones and newly emerged leaves of this species, but is not a cause of plant mortality. Too frequent fires may have an effect on seedlings and juveniles.

Population

This is a very abundant species. Even though it occurs in a relatively restricted area, the density of plants is very high and it is not particularly popular with collectors.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Encephalartos cycadifolius (Jacq.) Lehm.	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Encephalartos cycadifolius (Jacq.) Lehm.	Vulnerable	Hilton-Taylor (1996)
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