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Taxonomy

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| Scientific Name | Conophytum stevens-jonesianum L.Bolus |
| Higher Classification | Dicotyledons |
| Family | AIZOACEAE |
| Synonyms | Conophytum pageae (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. pygmaeum (Schick & Tischer) Rawé |

National Status

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| Status and Criteria | Least Concern |
| Assessment Date | 2020/02/05 |
| Assessor(s) | D. Raimondo & A.J. Young |
| Justification | A species endemic to the Namaqualand region of South Africa it has an extent of occurrence (EOO) of 11 820 km ² . It is a common species that despite pressure from illegal succulent collecting remains relatively common and widespread, the impact of poaching has not yet caused a decline of more than 5% to the population. Ongoing future monitoring of the impact of collecting is required. |

Distribution

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| Endemism | South African endemic |
| Provincial | Northern Cape |



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distribution

Range Richtersveld to Springbok.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial
Major habitats Kosiesberg Succulent Shrubland, Bushmanland Inselberg Shrubland, Umdaus Mountains Succulent Shrubland, Southern Richtersveld Inselberg Shrubland, Central Richtersveld Mountain Shrubland, Namaqualand Klipkoppe Shrubland, Stinkfonteinberge Eastern Apron Shrubland, Lekkersing Succulent Shrubland, Anenous Plateau Shrubland, Namaqualand Blomveld, Western Gariep Hills Desert, Southern Nababiepsberge Mountain Desert, Kahams Mountain Desert

Description This species occurs on gneiss slabs, quartzite flats and calcrete rubble.

Threats

This species is being targeted by succulent collectors. Illegal harvesting and trade is on the increase for Conophytums based on new demand coming from Asian countries, for example during 2019 Chinese poachers was caught with 74 plants, and 3 Korean poachers was caught with 215 plants, 3-6 cm in diameter in 2019.

Population

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

| Taxon assessed | Status and Criteria | Citation/Red List version |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Conophytum stevens- | Least Concern | Raimondo et al. (2009) |

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