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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Othonna herrei**
Pillans

Higher Classification
Family Dicotyledons
ASTERACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria **Vulnerable D2**

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Justification A rare, localized habitat specialist (EOO 517 km²), known from four locations and potentially threatened by collecting of mature individuals from the wild for the succulent trade.

Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution Northern Cape

Range Richtersveld.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial

Major habitats Kosiesberg
Succulent
Shrubland,
Central
Richtersveld
Mountain
Shrubland

Description Sheltered below rocks on south



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and southeast-facing rocky mountain slopes.

Threats

This species occurs mainly on the central mountain ranges of the Richtersveld, where grazing pressure is currently low. Its preference for sheltered rocky crevices offers it some protection from the effects of trampling, and this species is not grazed (Craib 1997). It is unlikely to become threatened, even if grazing pressure increases. This species is popular in cultivation, and is potentially threatened by collectors removing mature individuals from the wild, for sale in the specialist succulent trade.

Population

This species occurs as scattered, small subpopulations (Craib 1997).

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon	Status assessed	Citation/Red List version
Othonna herrei Pillans	VU D2	2015.1
Othonna herrei Pillans	Rare	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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