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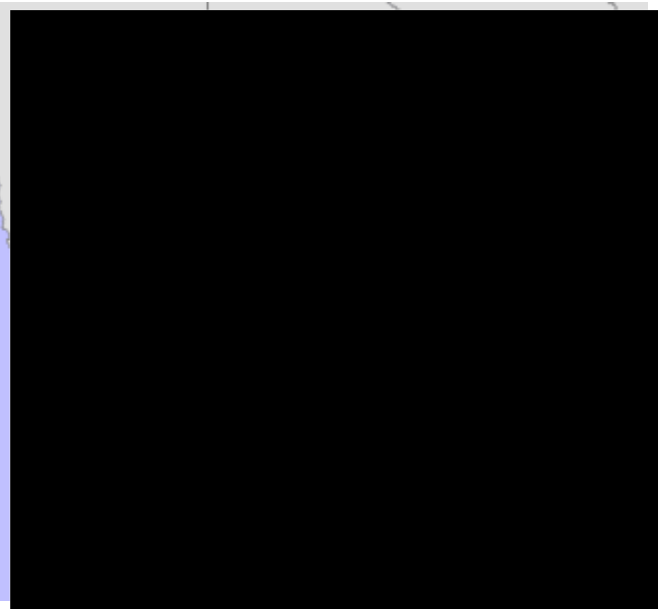
Bruintandjies

Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. pellucidum
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Common Names	Bruintandjies (a)

National Status

Status and Criteria	Least Concern
Assessment Date	2016/09/06
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young & D. Raimondo
Justification	A widespread and common taxon that occurs across Namaqualand, it has an extent of occurrence of 9645 km ² and is known from more than 50 locations. While it has recently been recorded in the illegal succulent trade, thus far harvesting is not likely to have impacted on more than a very small fraction (less than 5%) of the population. So while the population is starting to decline it still qualifies under the category Least Concern.



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Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape, Western Cape
Range	Widespread across Namaqualand, from Steinkopf to Garies.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Fynbos, Nama Karoo, Succulent Karoo
Description	Fractures and shallow grit pans on gneiss outcrops.

Threats

There has been occasional observations of highly localised trampling by livestock as the plants inhabit shallow grit pans, but this has affected only a small proportion of the population. Popular in cultivation and starting to decline due to illegal collection.

Population

This taxon is widespread and abundant. It is known from a large number of subpopulations, and is not declining.

Population trend	Decreasing
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Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. pellucidum var. neohallii S.A.Hammer	Least Concernal	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. pellucidum var. lillianum (Little.) S.A.Hammer	Least Concernal	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. pellucidum var. terricolor (Tischer)	Least Concernal	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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