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Taxonomy

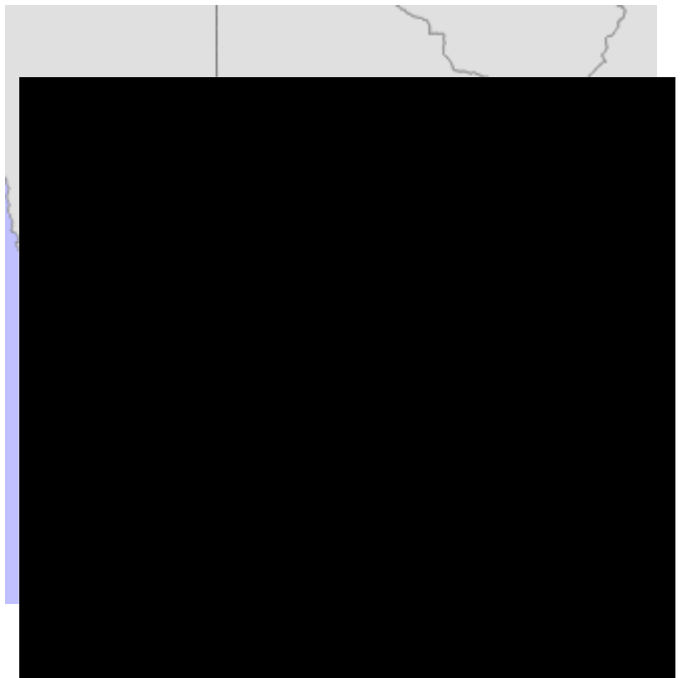
Scientific Name	Conophytum depressum
	Lavis subsp. depressum
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Least Concern
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young & D. Raimondo
Justification	A species endemic to Namaqualand (extent of occurrence (EOO) 5198 km ²). Recorded from more than 15 threat based locations and likely still under sampled. This taxon occurs as widely scattered subpopulations. It is currently targeted for the specialist succulent horticultural trade however its scattered distribution makes it difficult to collect. While the population is declining it is not likely to have declined to the extent where it would qualify as being listed as threatened or near threatened.

Distribution

Endemism South African



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Provincial distribution Range endemic Northern Cape, Western Cape Namaqualand between Garies and Steinkopf, in the Northern Cape and Western Cape Provinces of South Africa.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial
Major habitats Fynbos, Succulent Karoo
Description Shallow grit pans on gneiss, often sheltered beneath small rocks.

Threats

This taxon is sought after by collectors but the wide and scattered distribution makes it difficult to collect.

Population

A widespread, but very cryptic and often overlooked taxon as it occupies small niche habitats in grit pans. There are at least 15 known subpopulations (Hammer 2002), but it is probably a lot more common than reported to date. The population size well exceeds 10 000 individuals.

Population trend Decreasing

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum depressum Lavis subsp. depressum	Least Concernal	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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