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Taxonomy

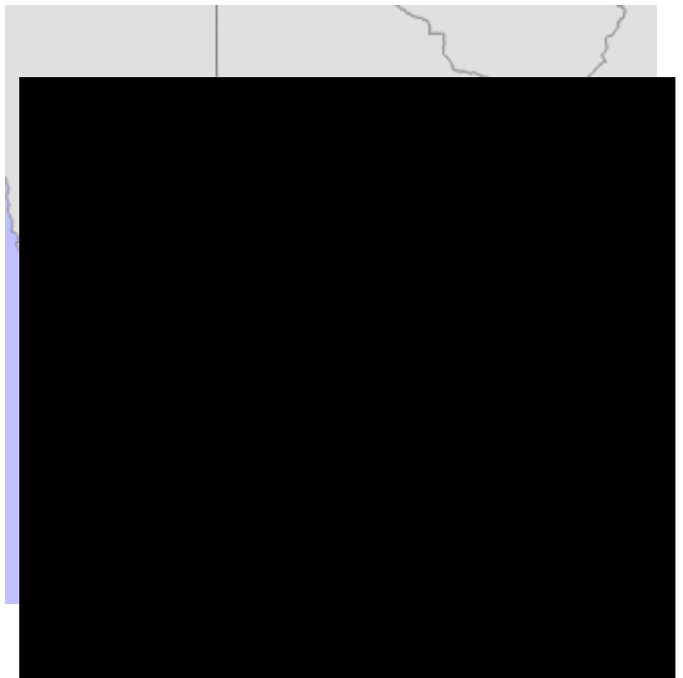
Scientific Name	Conophytum depressum Lavis subsp. perdurans S.A.Hammer
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Near Threatened B1ab(v)+2ab(v)
Assessment Date	2020/02/11
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young & D. Raimondo
Justification	An endemic to the Namaqualand region of the South Africa, extent of occurrence 2305 km ² . While currently known from six threat based locations it is likely to be overlooked and occur at a few more, an upper limit of 15 locations may exist. This taxon is experiencing ongoing decline as a result of illegal collection for the specialist succulent horticultural trade.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	Namaqualand southeast of Springbok, from the Northern Cape



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Province of South
Africa.

Habitat and Ecology

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

Threats

Sought after by collectors but the wide and scattered distribution of subpopulations minimises the risk of extinction. The population of this taxon is however declining as a result of collecting.

Population

This taxon is less common than subsp. depressum, and has a more restricted range. It is also less cryptic than subsp. depressum, but still likely to be overlooked and more common than records suggest. The population size is difficult to estimate, but is likely to exceed 1000 plants. It is declining due to illegal harvesting.

Population trend Decreasing

Assessment History

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

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