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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum marginatum Lavis subsp. littlewoodii (L.Bolus) S.A.Hammer
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Synonyms	Conophytum littlewoodii L.Bolus, Conophytum marginatum Lavis var. littlewoodii (L.Bolus) Rawé

National Status

Status and Criteria **Vulnerable D2**

Assessment Date 2020/02/08

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Justification This taxon has a highly restricted range in ridges along the banks of the Orange River east of Goodhouse, with a regional extent of occurrence (EOO) of 50 km². Three locations are potentially threatened by illegal collecting and loss of habitat to mining. With the same potential pressures present in both South Africa and Namibia the regional category is not adjusted.



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Distribution

Endemism	Not endemic to South Africa
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	North-western Bushmanland and southern Namibia, close to the Orange River.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Desert
Description	Shaded cracks and crevices on quartz and vertical cliff faces.

Threats

There is a potential threat from illegal collection as the taxon is popular with growers. It is also likely to be threatened by habitat loss to mining.

Population

This rare and localized subspecies is known from four subpopulations in South Africa, and one in Namibia. The habitat is generally inaccessible and still relatively poorly explored. The population size is therefore difficult to estimate.

Population trend	Stable
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Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum marginatum Lavis subsp. littlewoodii (L.Bolus) S.A.Hammer	Rare	2017.1
Conophytum marginatum Lavis subsp. littlewoodii (L.Bolus) S.A.Hammer	VU D2	2015.1
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