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### Taxonomy

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Conophytum francoiseae (S.A.Hammer) S.A.Hammer</b>
<b>Higher Classification</b>	Dicotyledons
<b>Family</b>	AIZOACEAE
<b>Synonyms</b>	Conophytum wettsteinii (A.Berger) N.E.Br. subsp. francoiseae S.A.Hammer

### National Status

<b>Status and Criteria</b>	<b>Vulnerable D2</b>
<b>Assessment Date</b>	2020/02/11
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	A.J. Young & P.C.V. Van Wyk
<b>Justification</b>	Conophytum francoiseae is known from a single location (extent of occurrence (EOO) and area of occupancy (AOO) 4 km <sup>2</sup> ) and potentially threatened by indiscriminate succulent collection.

### Distribution

<b>Endemism</b>	South African endemic
<b>Provincial distribution</b>	Northern Cape
<b>Range</b>	Port Nolloth.

### Habitat and Ecology

<b>Major system</b>	Terrestrial
<b>Major habitats</b>	Vyftienmyl se Berge Succulent Shrubland
<b>Description</b>	Shaded quartz cliffs.

### Threats



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This taxon is endemic to a single mountain well-known for its many local endemics, and is under heavy collecting pressure. Specialist collectors are unlikely to specifically target this taxon, as seeds are available through horticultural networks (S. Hammer pers. comm.), but it remains potentially threatened by opportunistic, indiscriminate succulent collecting especially given the increase in trade in Conophytums taking place since March 2019 facilitated by online platforms such as eBay.

## Population

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Locally common in discrete patches. Population size estimated to be more than 1000 plants. Monitoring is required to determine whether collecting is causing population decline.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum francoiseae (S.A.Hammer)	<b>VU D2</b>	2015.1
Conophytum francoiseae (S.A.Hammer)	<b>Least Concernal.</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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