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### Taxonomy

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Conophytum bolusiae Schwantes subsp. bolusiae</b>
<b>Higher Classification</b>	Dicotyledons
<b>Family</b>	AIZOACEAE
<b>Synonyms</b>	Conophytum intrepidum L.Bolus, Conophytum obscurum N.E.Br. var. alticola L.Bolus, Conophytum obscurum N.E.Br. var. puberulum L.Bolus

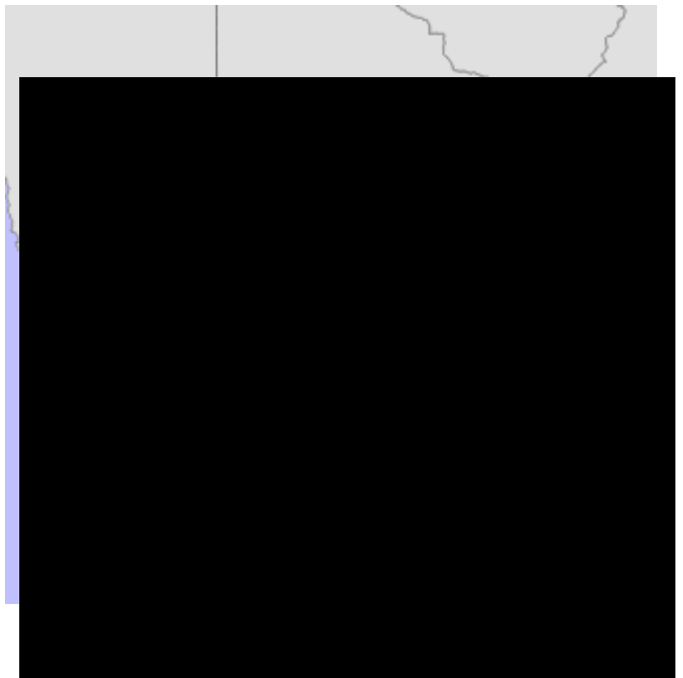
### National Status

<b>Status and Criteria</b>	<b>Vulnerable D2</b>
<b>Assessment Date</b>	2015/07/31
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	A.J. Young & L. von Staden
<b>Justification</b>	A localized, but locally abundant taxon, known from a single location (EOO 4 km <sup>2</sup> ) where it is potentially threatened by opportunistic, indiscriminate succulent collecting.

### Distribution

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

### Habitat and Ecology



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**Major system** Terrestrial  
**Major habitats** Vyftienmyl se Berge Succulent Shrubland  
**Description** Vertical quartzitic rock faces, 500-750 m.

## 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 (P.C.V. van Wyk pers. obs.). 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.

## Population

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Locally very abundant, often in large clusters in suitable habitat. Population size estimated to be more than 1000 plants. Monitoring is required to determine whether collecting is causing a population decline or not.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum bolusiae Schwantes subsp. bolusiae	<b>VU D2</b>	2015.1
Conophytum bolusiae Schwantes subsp. bolusiae	<b>Rare</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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