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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Conophytum semivestitum**
L.Bolus

Higher Classification
Family Dicotyledons
AIZOACEAE

National Status

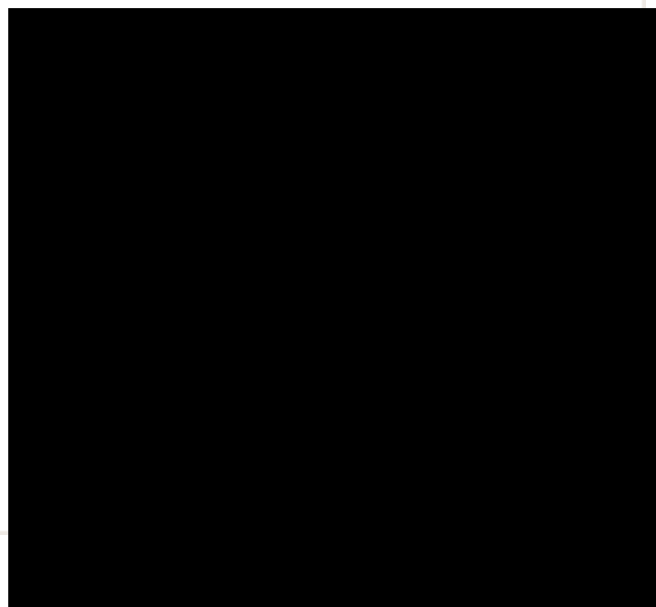
Status and Criteria **Critically Endangered (Possibly Extinct)**

Assessment Date 2016/09/15

Assessor(s) A.J. Young & L. von Staden

Justification A distinct, but rare and very poorly known species, last recorded in the wild in the 1930s. Collections provide very imprecise locality descriptions, but many field surveys in the wider area where it is presumed to have been recorded from have failed to relocate it in the wild. It is possibly extinct, but may also be overlooked.

Distribution map not available at present



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Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution Northern Cape

Range Bushmanland, exact locality unknown.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial

Description Unknown, presumably grew on quartzite or feldspar.

Threats

Threats to this species are unknown. It may have declined due to road construction, mining, or overgrazing.

Population

This species is only known from a drawing, based on plants collected somewhere in Bushmanland in the 1930s. It was thought to have been collected in the vicinity of Jakkalswater between Steinkopf and Vioolsdrif, but many field searches in this remote area have failed to relocate the population. There was one later collection, but the locality is not specified. It is possibly extinct, but without precise locality information, it is almost impossible to determine with certainty if it is extinct or not.

Population trend Unknown

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum semivestitum L.Bolus	CR PE	2017.1
Conophytum semivestitum L.Bolus	Extinct	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Conophytum semivestitum L.Bolus	Extinct	Victor (2002)
Conophytum semivestitum L.Bolus	Extinct	Hilton-Taylor (1996)

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