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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum devium
	G.D.Rowley
	subsp.
	stiriferum
	S.A.Hammer & Barnhill
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

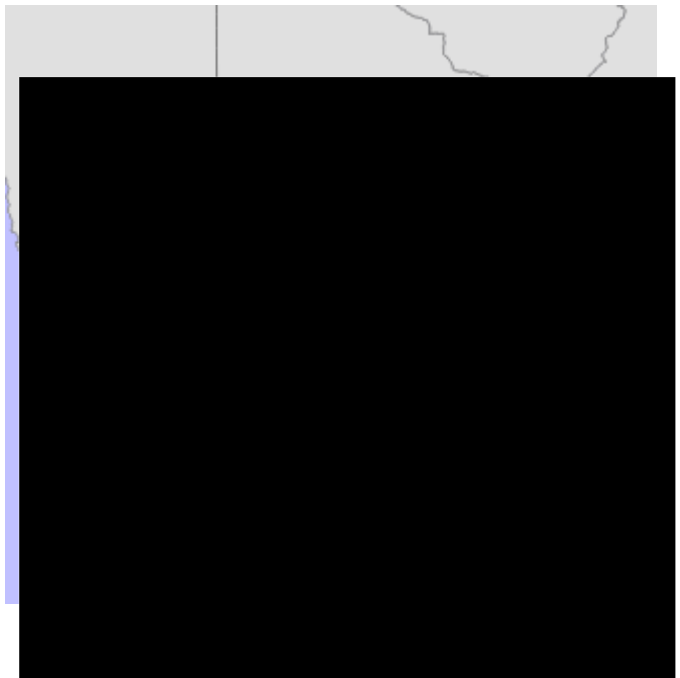
Status and Criteria	Rare
Assessment Date	2015/06/30
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	A localized taxon (EOO <300 km ²) known from fewer than five subpopulations, but quite likely more common, as it occurs in a poorly explore area and is easily overlooked. It is not threatened.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	Richtersveld north of Steinkopf.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Desert, Succulent Karoo
Description	Quartzite or feldspar hills in Eastern Gariep Rocky Desert and



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Kosiesberg
Succulent
Shrubland.

Threats

No significant threats. Although the area is overstocked with livestock, this subspecies is not suspected to be negatively impacted, as plants are very small and unlikely to be affected by grazing or trampling.

Population

This subspecies is often locally abundant, but subpopulations are scattered across a wide and still poorly explored area, making it difficult to estimate the population size. Plants are very small and easily overlooked.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum devium G.D.Rowley subsp. stiriferum S.A.Hammer & Barnhill	Rare	2015.1
Conophytum devium G.D.Rowley subsp. stiriferum S.A.Hammer & Barnhill	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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