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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Conophytum minusculum**

(N.E.Br.) N.E.Br.
subsp.

aestiflorens
S.A.Hammer &
T.Smale

Higher Classification Dicotyledons

Family AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria Critically Rare

Assessment Date 2015/06/10

Assessor(s) A.J. Young
Justification A range-restricted taxon (EOO <100km²) known from a single site that is not immediately threatened.

Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution Western Cape

Range Swartruggens, Ceres Karoo.

Habitat and Ecology

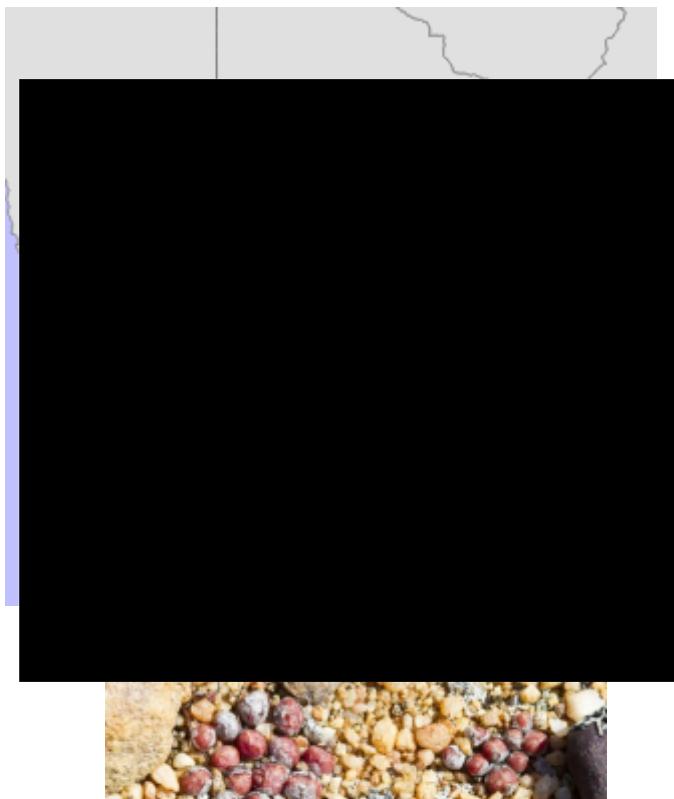
Major system Terrestrial

Major habitats Fynbos

Description Shallow sandy grit pans among rocks in dry quartzite fynbos.

Threats

There are no immediate threats to



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this taxon. Its habitat is not suitable to cultivation, but may possibly be affected by overgrazing and trampling, but its rocky habitat provides some protection against degradation. Infrastructure development is a slight potential threat.

Population

This taxon is known from a single subpopulation of more than 1000 plants. A recent attempt to locate the most northerly subpopulation has failed. If this subpopulation is included the EOO is about 100 km², but otherwise it is much smaller.

Population Stable trend

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
<i>Conophytum minusculum</i> (N.E.Br.)	Critically Rare	2017.1
<i>Conophytum minusculum</i> (N.E.Br.)	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
<i>Conophytum aestiflorens</i> (S.A.Hammer & T.Smale)		

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